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US soldier, Filipino killed in Zambo blast

ZAMBOANGA CITY—An American soldier and a Filipino were killed in a powerful explosion outside a karaoke bar here last night, officials said.

At least 21 other people, including another American, were wounded, several of them critically.

Col. Alexander Yapching, head of Task Force Zamboanga, identified the American fatality as Sgt. Mark Jackson who died en route to a hospital. He was re-

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By TJ Burgonio

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BETTER LUCK NEXT TIME
Forward Eric Menk (left) of the Philippines frustrates Japan's Satoru Furuta in this bit of action during the 14th Asian Games in Busan, South Korea, yesterday. The Philippines banked on a last-minute explosion to down Japan, 79-74, and enter the semifinals. *(See story on Page A17.)*
JESS YUSON

Gokongwei hangs up on PLDT deal

By Doris C. Dumlao

TYCOON John D. Gokongwei's group yesterday abandoned its $616-million bid to take over Philippine Long Distance Telephone Co. (PLDT) and Bonifacio Land Corp., saying Hong Kong's First Pacific Co. Ltd. had failed to clear roadblocks to the sale of its telecom and property assets in the Philippines.

First Pacific, owned by Indonesia's Salim group, announced in June that it had agreed to form a joint venture with the Gokongwei group and transfer its controlling 24.4-percent stake in PLDT as well as 50.4-percent stake in Bonifacio Land to the new firm.

But Manuel Pangilinan, First Pacific executive chair and PLDT chief executive officer, resisted the deal. The PLDT board, for instance, refused to let the Gokongwei group conduct due diligence study, effectively blocking a completion of the deal.

Bonifacio Land is the property unit of First Pacific subsidiary Metro Pacific Corp., of which Pangilinan is both the chair and CEO.

In a letter to First Pacific, Gokongwei's legal counsel, Perry Pe, cited the Hong Kong firm's inability to complete the deal within the given time frame and the open resistance of the PLDT and Metro Pacific management.

"In view of the expiration of the exclusivity period on Sept. 30 for the completion of the transaction contemplated under the terms of the MOA (memorandum of agreement), we acknowledge that First Pacific may now pursue the transaction with third parties," Pe said in

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WOMAN power is exemplified by Tessie Sy-Coson "who knows her way around the stock exchange."

SC revives ₱9.6-B graft case vs JPE, Danding

By Michael Lim Ubac

WITH a track record of losing cases against the Marcoses and their cronies, the Presidential Commission on Good Government (PCGG) finally scored a win yesterday when the Supreme Court ordered the revival of the P9.6-billion graft case against former Sen. Juan Ponce Enrile, businessman Eduardo "Danding" Cojuangco, Zamboanga City Mayor Ma. Clara Lobregat and nine others.

They are charged with the alleged use of coco levy funds to purchase 16 oil mills during the Marcos regime.

In a 12-page decision, the Supreme Court Second Division granted the petition for certiorari filed by the PCGG seeking to compel the Office of the Ombudsman to proceed with the preliminary investigation of the graft charges.

In reviving the case, the high court annulled and set aside the June 2, 1997 resolution issued by Graft Investigation Officer II Aleu A. Amante, which dismissed PCGG's complaint, and the Sept. 18, 1997 order denying its motion for reconsideration.

The high court directed the Ombudsman to proceed with the preliminary investigation of the original complaint lodged with the PCGG in February 1990.

The complaint charged Enrile, et al. with violation of the Anti-Graft Law (Republic Act No. 3019).

Besides Enrile, Cojuangco and Lobregat, the other respondents were Rolando De la Cuesta, Jose Concepcion, Jose Mendoza, Emmanuel Alameda, Hermenegildo Zayco, Teodora Regala, Amado Mamuric, Douglas Lu Ym, Jaime Gandiaga, Narciso Pineda and Danilo Ursua.

The Supreme Court excluded Teodoro D. Regala and Jose Concepcion from investigation because they merely acted as counsels.

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Henry Sy's daughter 39th on Fortune power list

TERESITA Sy-Coson, a daughter of Shoemart tycoon Henry Sy Sr., made it once more to Fortune magazine's list of the 50 most powerful women in international business.

Coson, the executive vice president of SM Prime Holdings, was one of 17 Asian women in the list and the only one from the Philippines. She ranked 39, up from her ranking last year of 44.

Fortune lists the 50 women with most influence in the business world outside the United States, revealing that power resides in all corners of the world and in all business sectors.

The list, Fortune said, "proves that although power is difficult to quantify, women are indeed a force to be reckoned with in the traditionally male-oriented business arena."

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GMA orders 'soft opening' of Terminal 3

By Carlito Pablo

THE CONTROVERSIAL Terminal 3 of the Ninoy Aquino International Airport will have a "soft opening" on Dec. 15 on orders of President Macapagal-Arroyo.

The President has instructed Transportation Secretary Leandro Mendoza and Tourism Secretary Richard Gordon to coordinate with concessionaire Philippine International Air Terminals Co. (Piatco) to see to it that Terminal 3 "opens" in two-and-a-half months' time, Press Secretary Ignacio Bunye said yesterday.

But the "soft opening" referred to by Bunye is just a dry run. No foreign airlines or passengers will be using the terminal in December.

"It's just to test the operational capability of the facility," said Adelberto Yap, head of the Air Transport Office. He said the taxiway, conveyors, and exit and entry points for passengers would be checked. Piatco has not finished the construction of the access road to the terminal and international airlines have yet to

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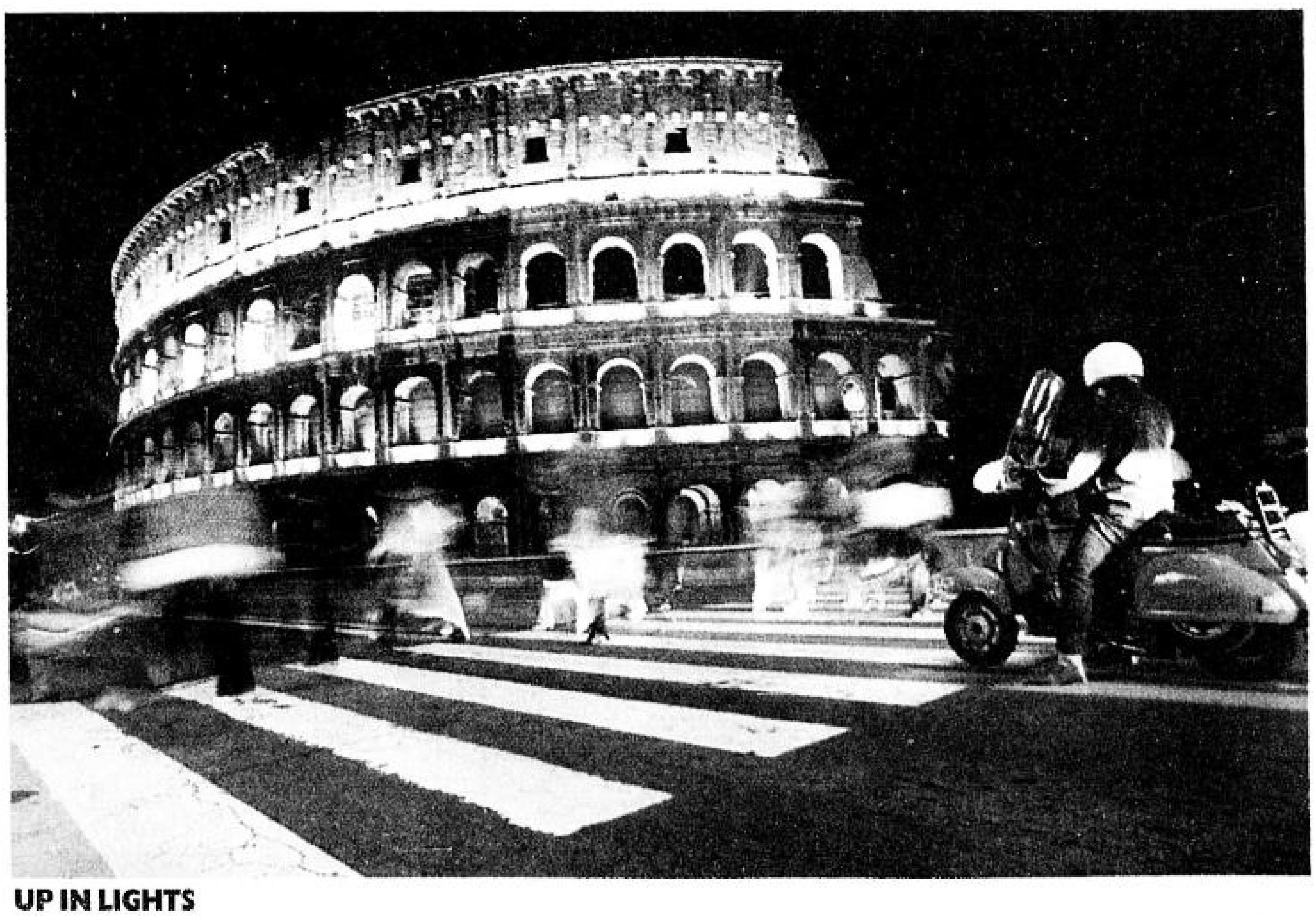

UP IN LIGHTS
Golden lights bathe Rome's ancient Colosseum on Tuesday night to celebrate President Macapagal's decision suspending all death row executions. Since 2000, the Colosseum is lighted for two days every time anywhere in the world the death penalty is suspended or commuted.
REUTERS

Palace eyeing Chavit to run tobacco fund

By Juliet Labog-Javellana

A "TOBACCO REVOLT" brewing in the House of Representatives has been traced to Malacañang's reported plan to create an agency which will handle the releases of the P2-billion annual excise tax share of the Virginia tobacco-producing provinces in the North.

Malacañang also plans to make former Ilocos Sur Gov. Luis "Chavit" Singson head of this body that will manage the huge fund, according to a congressman who asked not be named.

Singson's exposé on jueteng and excise tax kickbacks led to the impeachment and subsequent ouster of President Joseph Estrada.

The Northern Luzon Alliance, composed of some 30 congressmen representing districts in Cagayan Valley, the Ilocos and Cordillera regions, walked out of the session Tuesday night to

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Court junks DOJ bid for Mark Jimenez arrest

**By Philip C. Tubeza,
Juliet Labog-Javellana
and Michael Lim Ubac**

SUPPORTERS of embattled Manila Rep. Mark Jimenez breathed a sigh of relief after the Manila Regional Trial Court refused to issue a warrant for the arrest of the congressman pending the final ruling of the Supreme Court on his case.

Judge Guillermo G. Purganan of the Manila RTC Branch 42 denied the Department of Justice's motion for the court to issue an arrest warrant against Jimenez because the high court's decision "was not yet final and executory." Jimenez, who is wanted in the United States for various criminal offenses, has 15 days to appeal the high court's decision after he receives a copy of the order.

"It appears that the decision dated Sept. 24, 2002 by the Supreme Court, which cast aside the order of this court dated July 3, 2001 insofar as granting of bail to respondent Mark Jimenez and thereby canceling the cash bond posted, has not attained finality, the urgent ex parte motion to execute the order of arrest dated July 3 filed by the petitioner is hereby denied," Purganan said in a decision dated Oct. 1.

While the judge declined to answer questions from reporters, clerk of court Willie Purisima said that politics did not influence the lower court's deci-

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WEATHER FORECAST

FORECAST: Southern Luzon, Visayas and Mindanao will experience mostly cloudy skies with scattered rainshowers and thunderstorms. The rest of Luzon will be partly cloudy to at times cloudy with isolated rainshowers or thunderstorms.

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'Hawks' holding Gloria hostage, says Ka Roger

By Delfin T. Mallari Jr.
PDI Southern Luzon Bureau

LUCENA CITY—Communist and militant leaders see the sinister hand of the United States in the reported divisions among top administration officials on the issue of peace talks with the insurgent movement.

Gregorio "Ka Roger" Rosal, the spokesperson of the Communist Party of the Philippines, yesterday said the disagreements only confirm the presence of "US-bred militarist hawks" in the Macapagal-Arroyo administration.

Rosal said President Macapagal-Arroyo was being held hostage by these hawks to the "military scheming of the US-influenced officials of her Armed Forces."

He warned the President that the US was grooming Defense Secretary Angelo Reyes, national security adviser Roilo Golez and the other so-called hawks to replace her "should she no longer suit the imperialist designs of the United States."

A highly placed source said the other day that Cabinet officials were sharply divided between "hawks" and "doves" on the issue of peace talks with the communists in the face of a renewed offensive from the New People's Army.

Reyes, Golez and Col. Victor Corpus, the head of the Armed Forces intelligence service, are said to head the faction that favors junking the talks.

Doves vs hawks

Ranged against them are the doves, including Executive Secretary Alberto Romulo, Interior Secretary Jose Lina, Social Welfare Secretary Corazon Soliman, Presidential Management Staff chief Silvestre Afable and Norberto Gonzales, the presidential adviser for special concerns.

From his exile in the Netherlands, CPP founding chair Jose Ma. Sison pooh-poohed the reported Cabinet debate on the issue as a poorly scripted, US-designed "good cops, bad cops" show.

"The hawks or bad cops are just eager to have the Americans interfere. The good cops or doves would just like to deceive and benefit from the capitulation," said Sison in reply to an e-mail query sent by the INQUIRER.

"The US has a bilateral objective of destroying the peace negotiations, intensify the civil war and interfere to tighten control over the Philippines," Sison said.

He warned that if the Macapagal-Arroyo administration were to stop the negotiations, "the Filipino people will experience more brutality from her gang composed of the military, police, paramilitary troops and deputized private armies."

Rosal urged the President to act decisively and put the interest of peace first.

"She's now at the crossroads. If she wants the bloody armed confrontation to continue to rage across the country, she can stick with the hawks and let herself continue as hostage to the scheming of the US and the Armed Forces," Rosal said.

AFP dares rebs: Don't hide, come out and fight

LUCENA CITY—The new Armed Forces Chief of Staff Gen. Benjamin Defensor Jr. yesterday kept up his verbal offensive against the communist rebels, challenging the elusive communist spokesperson, Gregorio "Ka Roger" Rosal, to come out of hiding and slug it out.

"What Ka Roger has declared all over the media is not an all-out war. It's an all-out hiding," Defensor said in his speech here yesterday during his visit to Camp Guillermo Nakar, the base of the military's Southern Luzon Command.

"You come out, don't hide," the general said, to the amusement of soldiers and military officials assembled at the grandstand here.

Defensor, who has been on an almost non-stop tour of major military commands and critical areas in the country, presided at the awarding of the Gold Cross medal to 10 soldiers from Bicol and Southern Tagalog who showed exemplary bravery and courage in fighting communist rebels.

The AFP chief, a brother of feisty ex-senator Miriam Defensor-Santiago, regaled his audience with choice quotes, largely in reaction to a statement of Rosal's in a radio interview that the recent New People's Army offensives were in preparation for an "all-out" war against the government.

"All-out war means all-out fighting, you declare all-out war, you're dead," Defensor said.

He said he had instructed all military commanders to fight the insurgent in new ways, "with three fists, with different approaches."

Early this week, Defensor announced a new offensive, Oplan Gordian Knot, to deal with the recent high-profile communist guerrilla attacks nationwide.

The National Capital Region Police Office, meanwhile, ordered all police districts yesterday to tighten security for possible NPA attacks.

NCRPO chief Deputy Dir. Gen. Reynaldo Velasco also ordered intensified security precautions in vital installations like power facilities, the Metro Rail Transit and Light Rail Transit systems, oil depots, government agencies, radio and TV stations, hospitals and telecommunications facilities.

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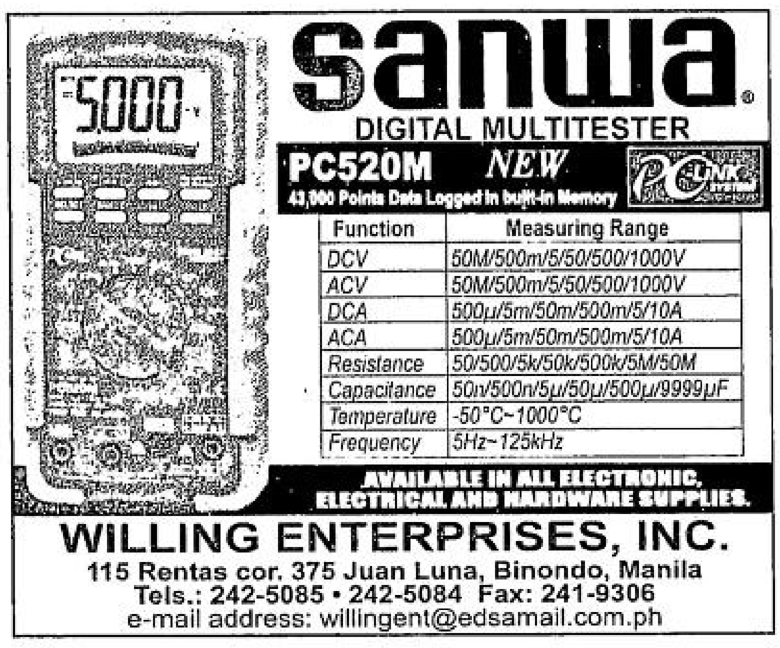
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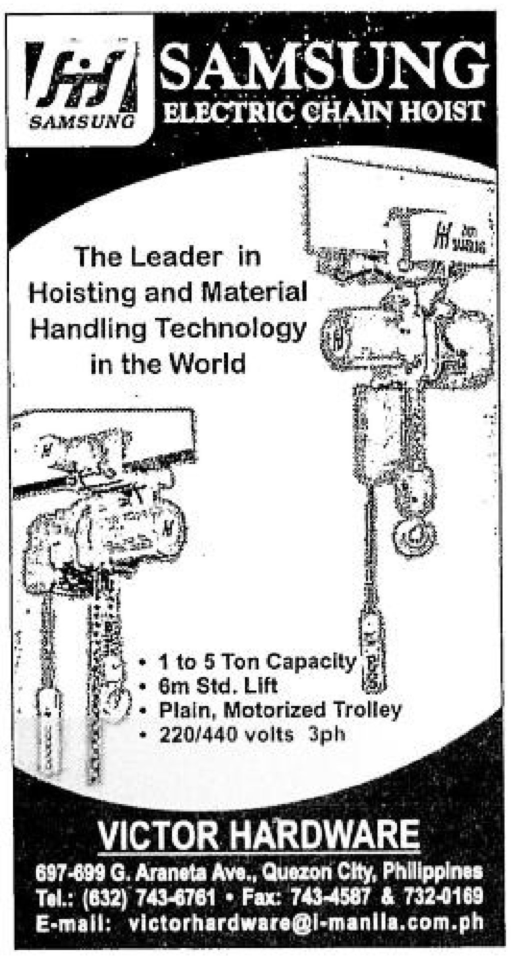
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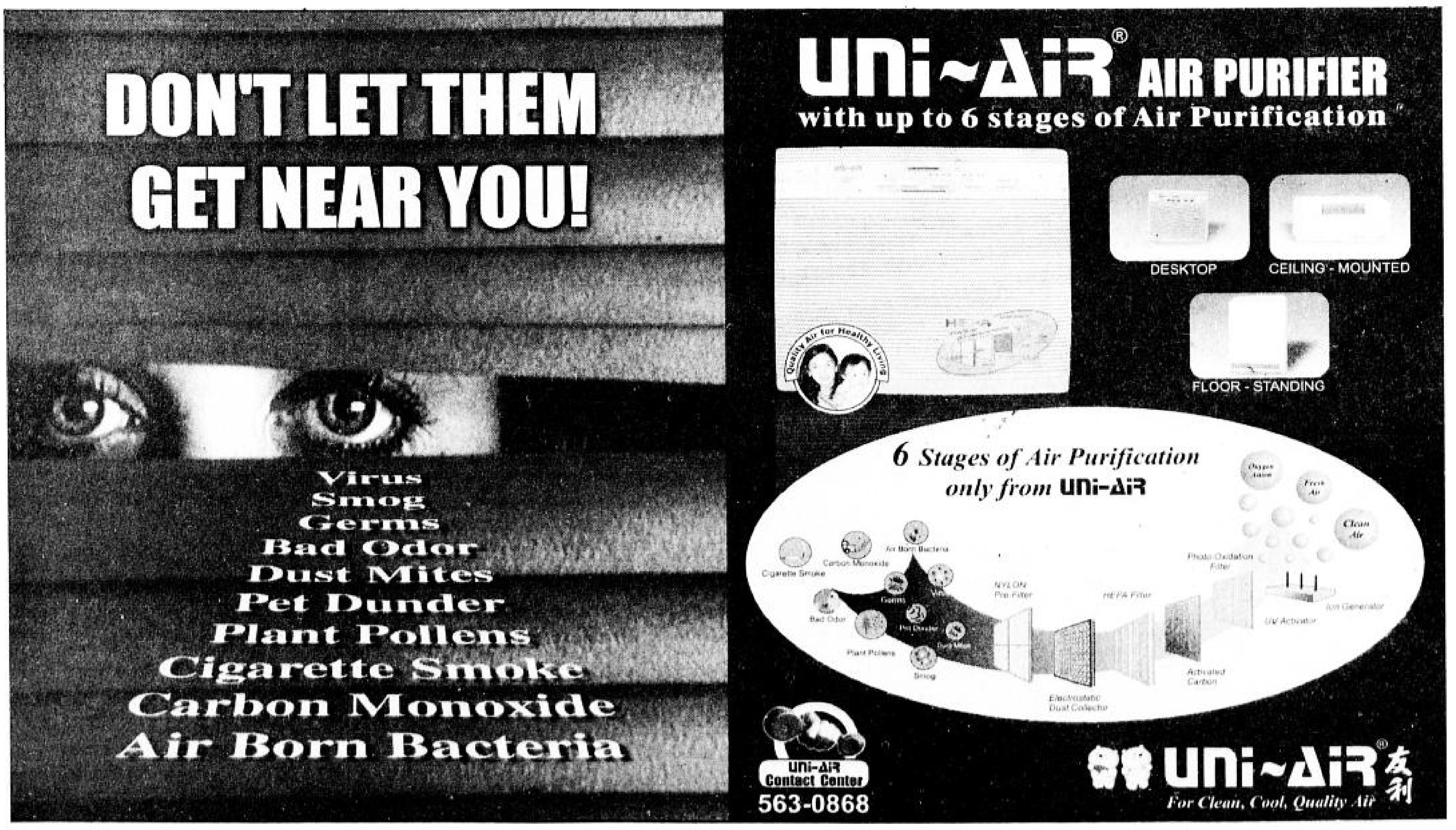
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Enrile trying to deodorize Meralco seizure, Lopezes say

THE HEAD of the Lopez conglomerate has accused Marcos defense minister and ex-senator Juan Ponce Enrile of "desperately trying to revise history by deodorizing something that was undeniably an asset grab."

Oscar Lopez said in two full-page newspaper ads that appeared yesterday that Enrile's recent assertions that the Lopez family had willingly sold its shares in the Manila Electric Co. to a foundation "did not reflect the reality of the martial law years."

Lopez said that in November 1973, Benpres, the family's holding company, sold its 5.9-million controlling shares in Meralco, which were worth around $5.7 million at the time, to the Marcos-controlled Meralco Foundation, at the "giveaway" price of $1,500 payable in ten years depending on cash flow.

Lopez conceded that on examination of the documents pertaining to the transaction, it may seem his family had willingly sold Meralco to the Meralco Foundation without coercion or duress.

However, he said, "those legal documents did not reflect the harsh reality that confronted our family during the martial law period."

"You must look at the situation in order to understand what really happened to the Lopezes at the time," he said.

He said that in 1961, a group of Filipino investors led by his late father, Eugenio Lopez Sr., acquired Meralco from its American owners. Under the Filipinos, he said, Meralco rose to become the country's largest private corporation, with its power rates among the lowest in the world.

He said events that transpired between 1972 and 1973 showed there had been a "real conspiracy" to force the Lopezes out of Meralco.

During that period, (strongman Ferdinand) Marcos set in play a series of legalistic maneuvers against Meralco to force the Lopezes to sell out, he said.

The squeeze was on after the government slashed a previously approved power rate hike which had been justified by the extraordinary increase in world oil prices and the plunge of the peso.

Subsequent moves against Meralco included the issuance of a presidential decree vesting the National Power Corp. with a monopoly in power generation and transmission, and ordering the Central Bank to freeze loans to the power company.

Lopez had earlier likened the Meralco sale to a kidnap-for-ransom situation.

His late brother, Eugenio "Geny" Lopez Jr., was imprisoned by Marcos without charges. Meralco was the price for his freedom, which the family paid, Lopez said.

The Lopez patriarch finally surrendered Meralco to Marcos in November 1973, after he was assured his son would be released from prison. The younger Lopez was still behind bars when their father died of cancer in July 1975, Oscar Lopez said.

"Under normal circumstances, there would have been no reason to sell our family's shares in Meralco, which ranked among the top corporations in the Philippines," Lopez said. "It is clear it was less than a voluntary sale on our part."

Meralco won't accept solon's power payment

By Ronnel W. Domingo

BAYAN Muna Rep. Crispin Beltran has refused to pay his entire electric bill for the sixth month in a row, yet the Manila Electric Co. has not disconnected service to his house even after refusing to accept his partial payments.

Beltran's Meralco bill for September showed accumulated charges of P10,400 for electricity consumed since April.

Every month, Beltran goes to the Meralco Commonwealth Ave. office in Quezon City to pay only the basic charge on his bill, and every time his payment is turned down.

"There is no truth to reports that I refuse to pay my bill," the congressman said. "It is only the purchased power adjusrment (PPA) that I don't want to pay."

Meralco's chief of utility economics, Ivanna de la Peña, declined to comment.

But in a telephone interview, she said Meralco had a policy of not accepting partial payments from customers.

"All our charges—the basic charge, the PPA and the currency exchange adjustment—were all approved by the Energy Regulatory Commission and its predecessor, the Energy Regulatory Board," De la Peña said.

In an earlier interview, she confirmed that Beltran had been a "good payor" before the PPA controversy broke out in April, which was when he started to refuse paying the charge.

Ople gets CA nod as DFA boss

By C. D. Balana

IN record five minutes, the ad interim appointment of Foreign Secretary Blas Ople was unanimously confirmed yesterday by the Commission on Appointments.

There was no oppositor to Ople's confirmation, prompting the acting chairman of the committee on foreign affairs, Nueva Vizcaya Rep. Rodolfo Albano to endorse the appointment for plenary voting on the same day.

Albano took over the committee after it was vacated by Ople as a result of the latter's transfer to the executive branch of the government.

Ople said he was deeply grateful to the commission for the very swift confirmation.

"They have extended to me the confirmation by acclamation which is being extended before to former presidents of the Senate and chairmen of the Commission on Appointments," he said.

He was referring to former Senate presidents Edgardo Angara as agriculture secretary and Ernesto Maceda as ambassador to the US.

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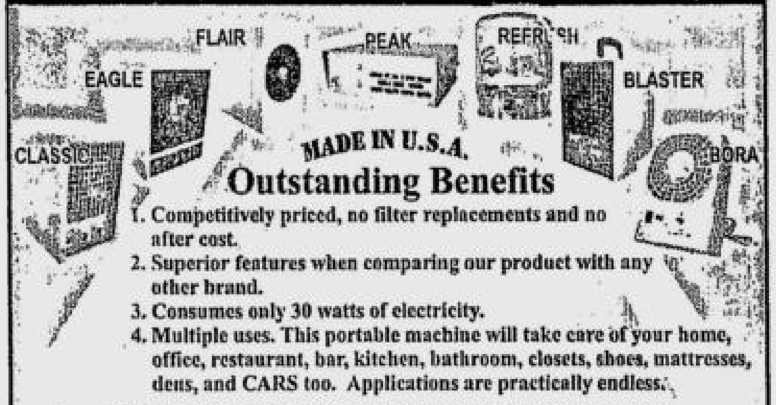

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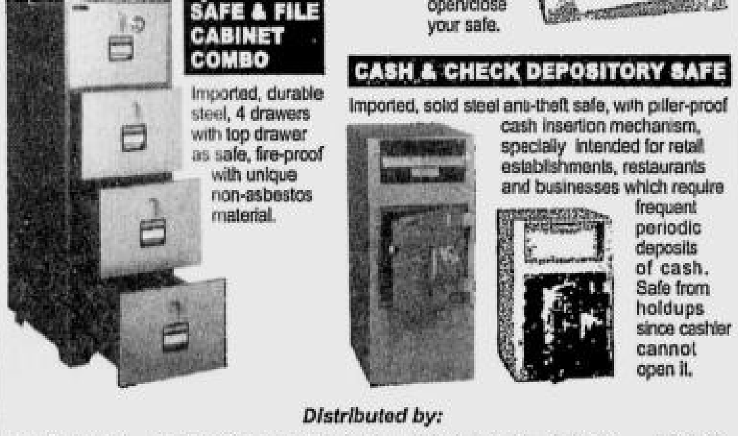

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Court junks DOJ bid for Mark Jimenez arrest

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sion. "We are not under any obligation to explain. If they believe this, I feel sorry for them. The court maintains its neutrality and impartiality in the case," Purisima said.

Jimenez declined to comment on the ruling which gave him respite from threat of immediate arrest. His supporters reportedly "celebrated in the streets" after the ruling was made.

Mario Bautista, Jimenez's lawyer, said he was not surprised about the lower court's ruling. "Under the rules, there can be no doubt that such motion has no legal basis considering that the Supreme Court decision is not yet final and executory," Bautista said.

He noted that legal luminaries like Ateneo Law School Dean Fr. Joaquin Bernas and former Senate President Jovito Salonga had expressed the same view.

"Now that the controversy over the immediate arrest of Congressman Jimenez has been put to rest by the extradition court, we can focus on the more substantial issues which will be raised in our motion for reconsideration," Bautista said.

Not a setback

Justice Undersecretary Merceditas Gutierrez did not consider Purganan's decision a setback. "Well, I don't think it is a setback because we have the decision of the SC on our side. (Jimenez) will be filing a motion for reconsideration and we will oppose it. But the fact is that there is a Supreme Court ruling canceling bail for Jimenez."

Despite Purganan's adverse decision on the warrant issue, the DOJ is not seeking his inhibition from the extradition case. "I think he is fair. But his position is different from ours, that's why we're invoking the ruling of the higher court on the bail issue," Gutierrez said.

Besides the bail issue, Purganan has to rule on two legal issues. "Two things that the extradition court should determine. First, is he (Jimenez) really the one subject of extradition. Of course that is not debatable; he is really the subject of extradition. Second, are the offenses for which he is being accused in the US considered extraditable?" Gutierrez said.

Jimenez was indicted in 1997 in the United States on 17 counts of illegally giving nearly $40,000 to Democratic Party candidates, reportedly including then President Bill Clinton. An additional indictment charged him with conspiracy, tax evasion and mail fraud.

"We have same penalty, violations, or corresponding offenses here, that's why our position is that the offenses are (considered) extraditable," the justice undersecretary said.

Jimenez, who ran a computer parts distribution business in the United States, fled the country and returned to the Philippines, where he became an influential friend and adviser of then President Joseph Estrada. Estrada was ousted last year over alleged corruption. While fighting extradition, Jimenez was elected to the House of Representatives last year.

Ilocos Norte Rep. Imee Marcos, the lone voice in the House defending the high court, said the lower court's decision was good.

"This is what we have been saying that we should not be too nervous and overreact," Marcos said.

Marcos said the latest ruling proves that the three branches of government were independent of each other and just doing their bit.

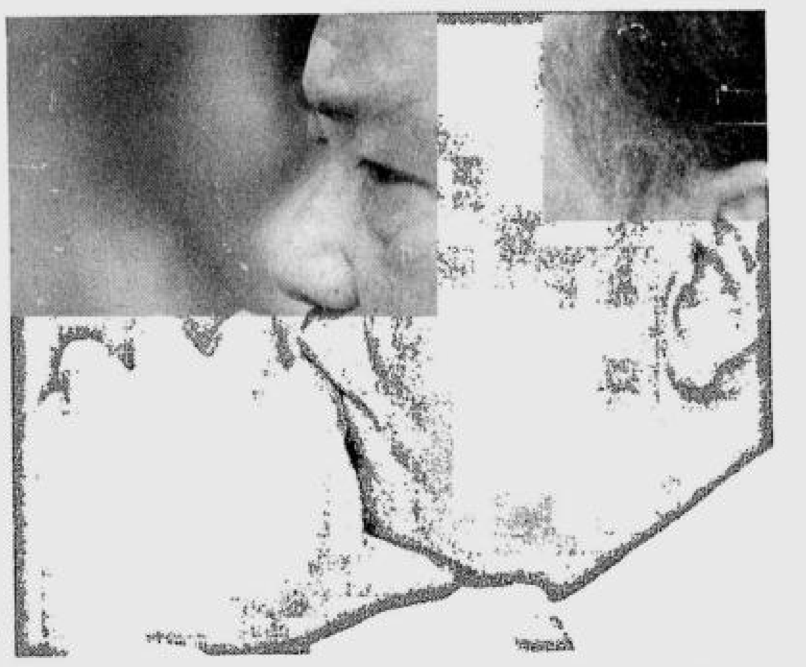
House Minority Leader Carlos Padilla said the lower court's decision was the right thing to do. "The decision proves that congressmen are correct that the move of Justice Secretary Hernando Perez (to have Jimenez arrested immediately) was premature," Padilla said. "If ever there is a crisis, it is being triggered by that stance of the DOJ."

Iloilo Rep. Rolex Suplico said the lower court's decision "rests on solid grounds" because the high court's ruling will only become final after the filing of a motion for reconsideration within 15 days.

Surigao del Sur Rep. Prospero Pichay, also an author of the pro-Jimenez resolutions, hailed the lower court for following judicial processes. "We should let the law take its course. This talk of an immediate arrest of Rep. Jimenez was largely responsible for the controversy that erupted," Pichay said.

Jimenez has a legal remedy aside from filing his motion for reconsideration of the high court's cancellation of his P1-million bail, according to Pichay. He said Jimenez could file a motion to present special circumstances for the right to bail with the lower court without prejudice to his motion for reconsideration with the high court.

Pichay said the evidence Jimenez had presented that he would not jump bail was not heard in the high court. He said Jimenez would not flee on several grounds: his family is here, he has properties in the country and he is a congressman.



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Padilla shared Pichay's view that Jimenez would not leave the country due to his position as an elected official.

"We hope that Rep. Jimenez's faithful adherence to the judicial process will bear fruit (and be a) vindication of our fight to uphold the constitutional rights of Filipinos," said Bulacan Rep. Wilie B. Villarama, a co-author of two House resolutions supportive of Jimenez.

Perez for senator

Villarama denounced Perez for allegedly putting the heat on Jimenez to launch his senatorial bid in 2004. "At least the Manila trial court does not want to be part of the Nani Perez for Senator Movement," he said.

Maguindanao Rep. Didagen Dilangalen brought up Perez's supposed senatorial plan in a joint House investigation of Jimenez's status on Tuesday.

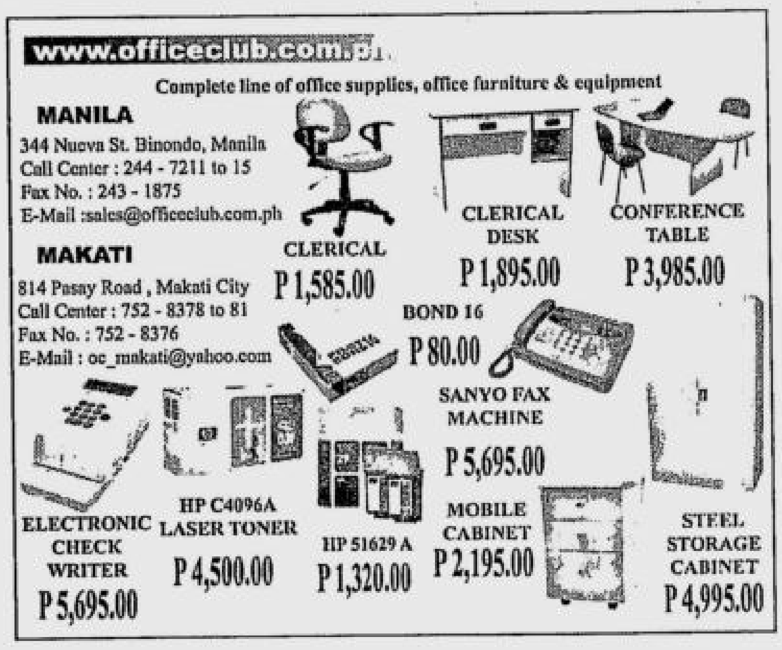
"Your secretary is going to run for senator, did he not consider the votes of (Jimenez's) constituents at the sixth district of Manila?" Dilangalen said at the hearing attended by Justice Undersecretary Gutierrez.

Negros Occidental Rep. Jacinto Paras noted that the US government, now run by the Republicans, wanted Jimenez for giving political contributions to the Democratic Party.

"I don't want to cast aspersions on Secretary Perez but because Congressman Jimenez's case is political in nature, probably Secretary Perez is merely following orders and trying to please the US government," Paras said.

Paras, chair of the House transportation committee, went as far as endorsing Judge Purganan for a seat in the high tribunal.

"It would seem Judge Purganan is a better guardian of the Constitution and will uphold the rights of Filipinos being trampled upon (by some justices)," Paras said.



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US soldier, Filipino killed in Zambo blast

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portedly drinking in the bar with the American who was wounded. The Filipino fatality was not identified. At least seven Filipino soldiers and policemen were among the wounded, Yapching said.

Witnesses said the explosive may have been planted on a motorcycle that was parked outside the bar in Barangay Malagutay here. The area is a few meters from Camp Enrile where US soldiers have been staying while conducting a humanitarian mission on nearby Basilan island.

The explosion occurred at around 8:30 p.m. Initial reports said the blast tore the roof off a nearby house and damaged other establishments. The explosive was reportedly packed with nails and may have been homemade.

Authorities declined to say who might have been behind the explosion.

In Manila, Defense Secretary Angelo Reyes told GMA-7 news the Filipino fatality may have been the bomber himself, although this could not be confirmed.

The US Embassy in Manila declined to comment pending an investigation. *Julie Alipala, PDI Mindanao Bureau, with reports from AP and Reuters*

Palace eyeing Chavit to run tobacco fund

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protest the non-release of the tobacco funds and Malacañang's alleged bias in favor of Singson's province.

In Singson's defense

Ilocos Sur Rep. Salacnib Baterina confirmed the congressmen's complaint, saying Malacañang has failed to release the tobacco excise tax due the provinces for the past two years amounting to P4 billion.

Baterina said the excise tax should be released automatically and directly to the provinces.

But Baterina, a former House prosecutor in the Senate impeachment trial of Estrada, defended Singson, saying he should not be faulted for working for the release of the share of his own province.

House Minority Leader Carlos Padilla, a member of the NLA, said the congressmen walked out of the session because of the grave issue affecting the major industry in the three regions.

Padilla said another reason for the NLA members' walkout was due to Malacañang's failure to implement the debt condonation program for the electric cooperatives in their region.

A congressman said the tobacco revolt might be "costly" to Speaker Jose de Venecia, whose intervention was sought by the Northern Luzon congressmen.

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GMA orders 'soft opening' of Terminal 3

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set up their offices at the terminal.

Published reports quoted Piatco's newly appointed Terminal 3 manager Guillermo Cunanan as saying that the company would try to open the facility on its original schedule of Nov. 26.

Bunye said the government would continue with its review and renegotiation of the alleged onerous provisions in Piatco's build-operate-transfer contract.

"Even with the pending review of the contract provisions, we'll have a soft opening in December," Bunye said at a teleconference from Clark Field in Pampanga, where the President met her Cabinet for a "team building" session.

The contract was reviewed by Gloria Tan-Climaco, presidential adviser for strategic projects, who listed a number of disadvantageous provisions in the BOT contract.

These are the following:

- Increase of the passenger terminal fee from the original P500 to $20 (about P1,040), which is much higher than the fees charged by Asean countries.
- Giving Piatco monopoly on airport operations in Luzon.
- Giving Piatco monopoly on operations within the Terminal 3, including aircraft repair and maintenance, cargo handling and catering.
- Removing the government's right to regulate public utility fees.
- Making the government a direct debt guarantor of Piatco, in violation of the BOT law.
- Setting the liquidated damages to be paid by the government to Piatco much higher than those to be paid by Piatco to the government in case of default.

The President said the "onerous changes" in the Piatco contract were made during the Estrada administration. Sen. Sergio Osmeña III described the Piatco deal as "the worst contract." The original contract awarded to Piatco in 1997 set the project cost at only $350 million but it ballooned to $657 million.

Bunye welcomed published reports that Piatco had offered amendments to the contract that included the lowering of the terminal fee to $11. "That's a good signal," he said.

Silent

Bunye was silent on developments regarding the proposal of the German government-owned Fraport AG, the technical partner of the Cheng family in Piatco, for the government to buy out the project for $400 million. The Chengs are the majority owner of Piatco and have had a falling out with their German partners.

Bunye, however, said, "The President has a policy statement (on the Piatco contract) and she has no intention of taking over operations."

He said the President was only interested in the review of certain onerous provisions in the contract. The Piatco management earlier told the government to keep off the squabbles with its corporate partners.

The President recently created a committee headed by Dante Canlas, director general of the National Economic Development Authority, to review Climaco's findings and Fraport's proposal.

"They're aware that the President wants to expedite the review of the onerous provisions," Bunye said, referring to the Canlas panel.

Last week, Fraport AG said it would walk away from its investment in the new terminal if the dispute with the government about the contract was not resolved by the end of the year.

PLUNDER TRIAL

Erap camp drops names

By Volt Contreras

THE CAMP of deposed President Joseph Estrada did some name-dropping at his plunder trial yesterday, in a bid to assert the legitimacy of the Erap Muslim Youth Foundation, which had been alleged to be a front for laundering jueteng money.

Lawyers for Estrada's co-accused Edward Serapio presented documents to show that the foundation's officers included then Equitable PCI Bank chair George Go.

Go was EMYF's founding treasurer, as reflected in the minutes of the foundation's board meetings on June 5, 2000 and July 21, 2000, which were marked as defense evidence by Serapio's lead counsel, Sabino Acut.

The evidence was entered during Acut's cross examination of prosecution witness Antonio Martin Fortuno, operations officer of Equitable's Pacific Star-Makati branch.

Fortuno testified on Monday how P200 million from his branch was moved in staggered amounts to EMYF's account at Equitable's Strata 100-Ortigas branch between April 27 and May 11, 2000.

"The presence of an important person like Mr George Go among the board of trustees and the factual records on the activities of the EMYF shatter the government's claim that it was a front for illegal activities," said Estrada's spokesperson Raymund Fortun in a statement.

"It is inconceivable for the chairman of a major bank to lend his name to a foundation whose legitimacy is under question," Fortun said.

Under Acut's questioning, Fortuno admitted he was not aware at the time that the chairman of his own bank, Go, was connected to the foundation.

The minutes of the board meeting showed that the other EMYF officers were Estrada's brother-in-law, Raul de Guzman, as chair and president; Serapio as corporate secretary, and Danilo Reyes and Mila Reformina as trustees.

Acut drew the court's attention to an entry in the June 5 minutes showing that the P200 million prosecutors claimed was jueteng money had been listed as "donations received from anonymous donors."

The minutes showed that it was Go himself who informed the board about the nature of the money as part of the update he gave on the foundation's finances.

NEWSBRIEFS

Lung center chief told: Don't mess with records

THE LUNG Center of the Philippines board has advised suspended LCP director Fernando Melendres to stay away from the documents or records pertaining to the graft charges against him.The board, chaired by Health Secretary Manuel Dayrit, also terminated from the service LCP deputy director Jose Pepito Amores, on the ground that he was not a Career Executive Service Officer.

It was Amores who brought charges against Melendres before the health department. Melendres has been suspended for 30 days pending investigation by the Presidential Anti-Graft Commission.

Remittance hike seen

EARNINGS sent home by Filipinos working overseas could increase by 14 percent to $8 billion this year in a big boost to domestic consumption and the economy, Finance Secretary Jose Isidro Camacho said yesterday.

The amount totaled $4.14 billion in the first six months, 68 percent of the $6.06 billion they sent home all of last year, Camacho said. Camacho attributed the increase to the fact that more Filipinos are working overseas, particularly nurses, physical therapists and engineers.

Short of a million jobs

THE GOVERNMENT may not be able to meet President Macapagal-Arroyo's target of sending one million Filipino workers abroad this year. The Philippine Overseas Employment Administration has deployed only 705,000 OFWs as of Sept. 30.

POEA administrator Rosalinda Baldoz said that while there has been a four percent increase in total deployment, the government's target may not be achieved in the three remaining months of the year. She said that a four percent increase would only translate to more than 100,000, about 200,000 less than the target.

Solon's kin ambushed

COTABATO CITY—A cousin of Maguindanao Rep. Didagen Dilangalen and her husband survived a grenade attack in Kabacan, Cotabato last Tuesday. Dr. Maniago Mantawi, a former professor at the University of Southern Mindanao, and his wife Soraida were riding a multicab in Barangay Katidtuan when a man in a motorcycly tossed a grenade into the vehicle. The fragmentation grenade landed near the driver. The couple is now recuperating at a hospital.

RP gets debt restructure

WASHINGTON—The United States has agreed to reschedule a portion of the debt owed by the Philippines to allow $8 million to be diverted to conserve tropical forests and combat illegal logging, officials said Tuesday.The deal, signed last Sept. 19, will generate $8.2 million for forest conservation in the Philippines over the next 14 years.

"The agreement recognizes that there is an urgent need to conserve the Philippines' remaining forests, particularly its coastal forest resources, in order to combat illegal logging and develop sustainable community-based uses for forests," officials said.

Save DM's good name

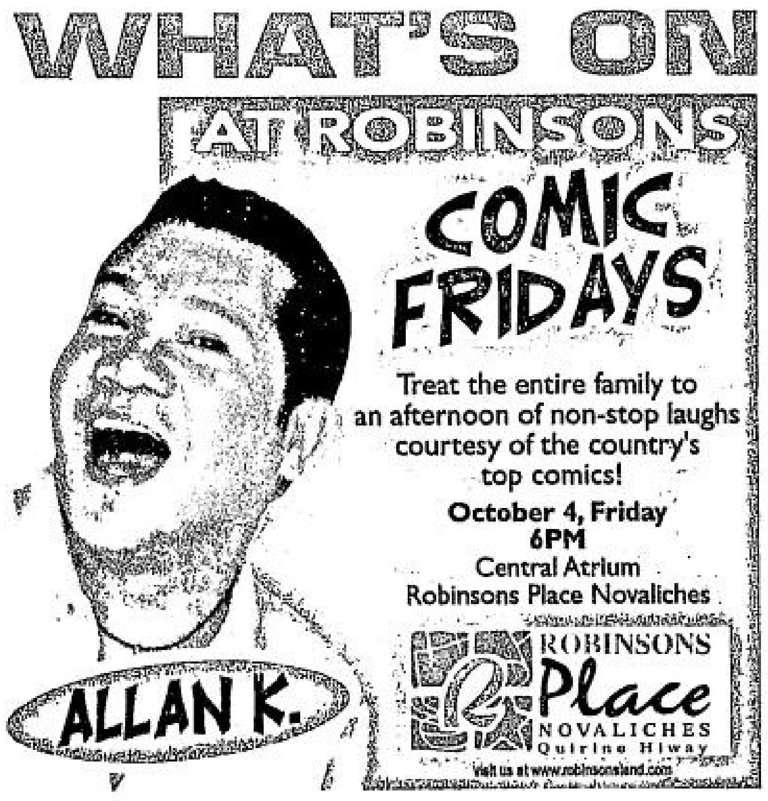
BUKIDNON Rep. Jose Miguel Zubiri has filled a bill to change the name of the controversial Diosdado Macapagal Blvd. to the Manila Bay Road.

Zubiri said he was filing HB No. 5269 because he wanted to "save the good name" of the late President, the father of President Macapagal-Arroyo.

DAR chief goes to WB

AGRARIAN Reform Secretary Hernani Braganza has gone to Washington to negotiate a $50-million loan agreement with the World Bank for the second phase of the Agrarian Reform Communities (ARC) development project, a press statement said.

The project aims to significantly raise the household income and quality of life of farmers who have been awarded lands under the Comprehensive Agrarian Reform Program. The World Bank agreed to finance the first ARC project in 1996 with a $50-million loan.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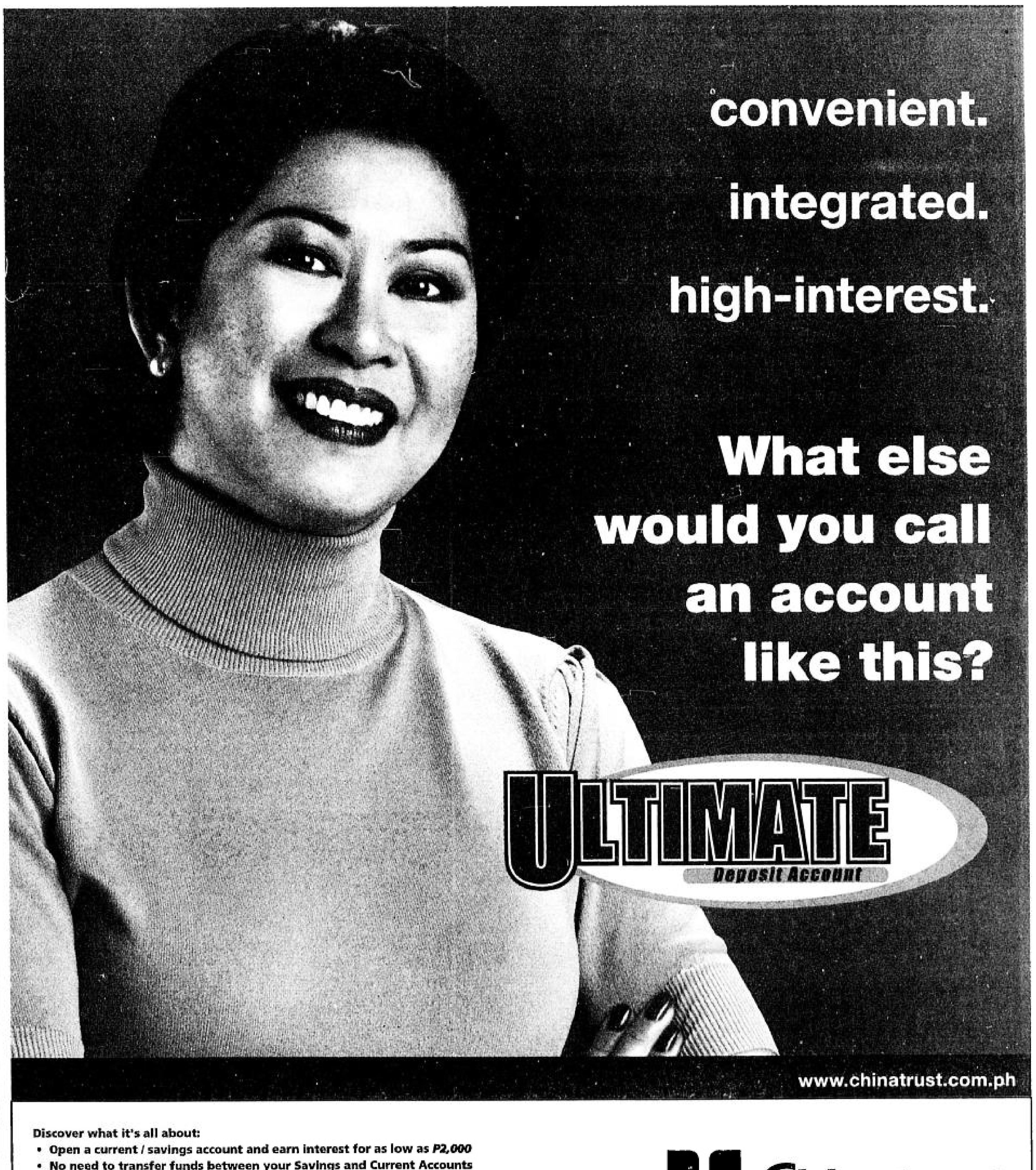
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Talking and fighting

EDITORIAL

THE SERIES of New People's Army attacks in Quezon, Leyte, Davao, Iloilo, Sorsogon and Negros Oriental over the past two months has made some top government officials doubt the wisdom of continuing the desultory peace talks with the National Democratic Front. The talks have been suspended since June 2001.

Armed clashes between government troops and guerrillas have increased, resulting in mounting casualties. The attacks have intensified the debate inside the government over whether to slam the door on negotiations and to put the accent on a military solution.

It does not come as a surprise that this cleavage has polarized military and police officials who favor a tough approach and the civilians in the Cabinet who are not giving up on negotiations. The new Armed Forces chief of staff, Gen. Benjamin Defensor, has all but ruled out negotiations with the launching this week of an intensified military campaign, Operation Gordian Knot.

With the hard-liners gaining the upper hand in the debate, those favoring negotiations are finding it more difficult to argue their case. The case for a tough all-out offensive has been argued by Defense Secretary Angelo Reyes from a new perspective. While the NPA wants to demonstrate that it is not a spent force after suffering "strategic setbacks," Reyes observed, the government is locked into a policy that supports the war against international terrorism. In this war, the NPA has been classified as a terrorist organization by the US government. It would be inconsistent, Reyes argued, for the government to continue to seek peace talks with the guerrillas while tagging them as "terrorists" at the same time.

How the Filipino communist guerrillas have been classified as a "terrorist" organization remains inexplicable. Long before the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks in the United States, the communist revolution had been the main security problem in the Philippines. It has remained a security problem even after the collapse of communism, although the communists are less dangerous now than they were 16 years ago.

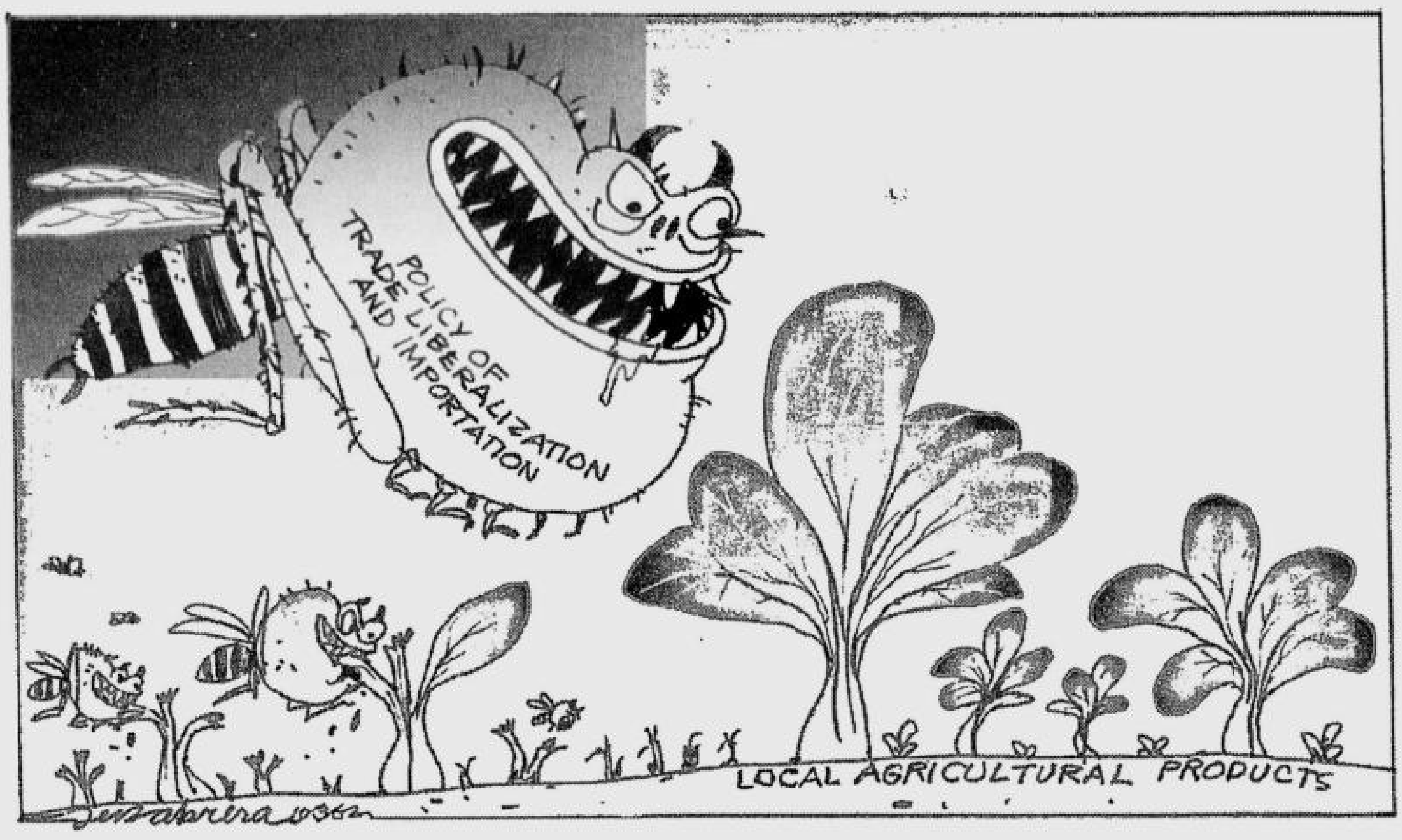
It is even harder to explain how the Filipino communists have been classified as terrorists. Neither the US government nor the Philippine government has attempted to give evidence of the communists' links to the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks or the al-Qaida terrorist networks. In view of this overstretched classification of the communists as terrorists, Reyes has to look for a stronger argument upon which to make a case for an all-out war on the guerrillas.

It is not clear whether the new military operations against the communists will cripple their capacity to sustain their attacks. It is possible, as the hard-liners would argue, that the guerrillas have expanded their raids in order to allow them to negotiate from a position of strength. But this argument would also work in the government's favor if the military and police operations can put the rebels on the run.

While neither the government nor the rebels can claim significant military success, it is best to hold the door open for negotiations. The situation is best described by Silvestre Bello III, the chief government negotiator, who said that "the reality is while we are talking, we are fighting."

The communist revolution is deeply rooted in social grievances, the offshoot of which includes social inequality and poverty. This social aspect is responsible for the persistence of the revolution which has survived countless military campaigns since the Huk rebellion in the 1950s. These grievances fuel the much diminished communist movement. Until the government can address more effectively the grievances presented by the communists in their demands in previous negotiations, these will sustain the National Democratic Front in its demands for favorable concessions.

The NDF is dreaming if it believes it can capture political power through revolution. The military strength of the NPA has been greatly diminished. But it can still harass the armed forces and the police. Proof is that the increased military activity of the NPA has prompted the military to shift a large part of its forces from Mindanao to the NPA areas after its success against the Abu Sayyaf. Even if this war is in a state of attrition, the option of negotiations should remain open.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Silent majority should speak out

AS I SEE IT

Neal H. Cruz

LIKE FPJ, that other Fernando, Metropolitan Manila Development Authority Chair Bayani, has no desire to run for president or vice president of the Philippines. But because of his high rating in a survey it commissioned, Malacañang wants him to be the running mate of President Macapagal-Arroyo in 2004, to capitalize on his popularity. But Fernando said he has no plan of running for national office.

Asked what he wants to be, he replied, "Janitor—as head of the MMDA."

Which shows that Fernando is one of the few people in government who has common sense. He is as sensible as comedian Dolphy who, when egged to run for senator, asked, "*Ano ang gagawin ko kung manalo ako* (What will I do if I win)?" As sensible as FPJ saying, when he was asked if he would run for president, "*Ayaw ko nang pulitika* (I don't like politics)." He obviously has learned from the misfortune of his Pareng Erap when the latter left show biz, where he was king like FPJ, and entered politics. FPJ knows that popularity doesn't necessarily make a person a good leader. Besides Erap, we have many examples of popular celebrities becoming monumental disappointments when they were elected to public office: Ramon Revilla, Robert Jaworski, Tito Sotto, Gringo Honasan, Noli de Castro, etc.

Why would anybody who is doing well in the private sector join the snake pit that is the government if he has no plan to steal and enrich himself? It's a question that is most often asked, and the answer is almost always: "I want to serve. I want to help."

But an individual can serve and help—perhaps even better—even if he is in the private sector.

It often happens that even well-meaning and sincere people are destroyed by the mileu, the corruption and infighting in government. And it also often happens that those who want to enter government are the thieves, the thugs, the bandits, the crooked operators who only want to enrich themselves. There are others who are driven by ambition and the hunger for status and the limelight.

Public officials are always in the public eye, mentioned in the newspapers, and shown on television and interviewed over the radio. They are invited to talk before crowds and crown beauty queens. They are addressed as "Sir" and "Mr. Secretary" and "Mr. Senator" and move around with motorcycle escorts and carloads of bodyguards. To the vain and the egotistic, these symbols of power are often hard to resist.

But as many veteran politicians know in their hearts, politics is a trap. Once you're in it you cannot get out. Some enjoy it, but others, after learning how dirty it is, want to get out but cannot. Once you're no longer in political power, you will be at the mercy of your enemies which all politicians accumulate in their careers.

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But we're straying from the subject. Back to Fernando, the MMDA chair, not the action king.

His topping the popularity rating proves that the people approve of his campaign to rid the sidewalks of vendors and other obstructions. But it is the noisy and unruly sidewalk vendors and their militant supporters, who are in the media every day, that give the public the wrong impression. Where are the law-abiding citizens who agree with Fernando? Why don't they speak out? Why don't they put up counter-pickets and counter-demos to show that they agree with what Fernando is doing?

The militants send press releases every day to the newspapers, stage pickets for the benefit of television cameras and call up radio stations to excoriate Fernando over the air waves. Why are those who believe Fernando is doing right not doing the same thing? Isn't it time that the silent majority abandon their silence and make their voices heard?

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Malacañang's statement, riding on Fernando's popularity, that the MMDA chair is being eyed as the President's running mate in 2004, may be risky and unfair to him. Now politicians with vice presidential ambitions, including those in the administration and in the administration party, will be sabotaging Fernando. Even now, scurrilous black propaganda, white papers, rumors and gossips are being spread against the other Fernando, FPJ, and he has not even hinted that he is running. FPJ is being cut down just because he is a possible rival for the presidency. The same thing may happen to the smaller Fernando, the MMDA's Bayani. He may be the target of similar black propaganda from the operators of ambitious politicians.

Not that Fernando is intimidated. He already is the subject of attacks from the sidewalk vendors, squatters and their militant backers. He was subjected to the same attacks when he was also cleaning the sidewalks during his three terms as city mayor. The result of his efforts turned Marikina into a model city. The same people who fought him now idolize him.

But what if it gets into Fernando's head that yes, he would like to be vice president? Then he would start behaving like a *trapo*, a traditional politician courting votes. He would start to coddle the sidewalk vendors, the squatters, the jaywalkers, the drivers and the owners of colorum buses and jeepneys because they are all voters. He would need their votes in 2004.

So we would be back to the old rigmarole. The lawbreakers would again lord it over the law-abiding citizens. The silent majority would be at their mercy. Serves them right for being silent.

A culture of reading

THERE'S THE RUB

Conrado de Quiros

I REMEMBER again an experience I had ages ago. I was in the Writers' Club in Moscow, and amid toasts of vodka and cackle of laughter around me, someone in a highly inebriated state asked me how many people attended poetry reading in this country. I paused, and said I really couldn't say. I was about to suggest that it varied from poet to poet, and even then you couldn't get a roomful of people (who were moreover probably close friends and relatives of the poet). But before I could say that, he said, "No, just give me a rough estimate. One hundred thousand people? Two hundred thousand people?"

That, I soon learned, was the kind of crowd a poetry reading by one of the better-known poets in Russia fetched. The poet was not unlike a rock star. He was feted, he was admired, he was adored. When he performed, he performed in open spaces and auditoriums. This was so because people knew his poetry by heart. And this was so because people read poetry.

That was the truly startling sight there 20 years ago. I don't know how it is today. Russia and its neighbors seem to have inherited only the worst of capitalism after the breakup of the Soviet Union—prostitution, a widening gap between rich and poor, underworld characters running a black market with murderous thugs, Mafia-style. A couple of decades ago, the one thing that struck you wherever you went was the spectacle of people reading. Everyone had his face buried between the covers of a book-while sitting on a bench, while perched on a stair in an escalator that was sliding into a seemingly bottomless pit (some of the subway stations were originally meant to be underground havens from nuclear war), often even while walking.

Many of those books were books of poetry. Only a bad poet (or writer in general), someone would tell me contemptuously, would have a first printing of only one million copies. Most others would have a first printing that ran into tens of millions of copies. And even then they would need a second printing forthwith because the first copies would disappear rapidly like objects in a quicksand.

Part of the reason for this was that the government after 1917 had made education universal and compulsory and encouraged reading by exhortation and (probably) coercion. (Some coercions I would not mind myself!) Another reason was that there was little television fare to luxuriate or drown oneself in. For diversion, people went to the Bolshoi Ballet, listened to Tchaikovsky and read Pushkin. (Some "lack of modernity" I wouldn't mind myself!) Whatever the reason, the results were spectacular.

It's the same thing in Britain, in Germany, and other parts of Europe. You do not exactly see people reading books while walking, but you see them doing so in parks, on train coaches, in cafés while sipping tea or waiting for someone. Of course, as the Accidental Tourist says, when you're alone, reading, or pretending to do so, is a most useful ploy to avoid being ensnared into a conversation by the stranger next to you, who is probably a bore, to go by the fact that he is not reading and wants to talk. Or for women, to be spared the unwanted attentions of men who have an exaggerated view of themselves, to go by the fact that they are inflicting themselves on you.

But for the most part, you do so for the sheer pleasure of it. The people you see lost in the pages of their books, oblivious to the world, or its vexations, generally seem caught up in that state. There's a part of London that has a bookstore in nearly every corner, small shops that specialize in certain books and that draw in a good amount of customers on a good day. The clerks are nice and, not unlike Hugh Grant in "Notting Hill," make a comment or two about the book you're buying, before wrapping it up in brown paper. Maybe they just read the blurbs? Maybe, but it's small things like this that make life a little more pleasant. Better than the peremptory "Have a nice day."

I remembered all this after talking to a group of kids at UST on the subject of, of all things, sensationalism in media. I said that that was a complex thing that ultimately boiled down to the state, or quality, of our culture. We can always call for regulation, we can always call for ways to curb sensationalism, but in the end media will give us what we want. We get pretty much what we deserve. We make petty demands, media will give us petty fare. And we cannot make more than petty demands unless we read. We don't read, we will always demand news about show-biz personalities rather than the state of the world. We don't read, we will always demand sex and violence rather than art and ideas.

I know it is a worldwide phenomenon—the drop in reading—but the rate of decline is probably faster here than elsewhere. Frighteningly, many kids today find books an entirely alien concept. "I'll just wait for the movie" used to be said as a joke. It is no longer so. People say it perfectly seriously nowadays. The result of all of this has been to produce among us a very low culture, an undemanding culture, a pop culture in the worst sense of the word "pop." In the sense of bubble gum or condom, things to throw away after casual use.

I've always thought that it wouldn't greatly matter if we were poor in body but rich in spirit, as a nation and as individuals. But to be poor in both body and spirit—that truly is to be thoroughly deprived.

We don't read, we'll never read the writing on the wall.

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Misgivings about recall process

POLITICAL TIDBITS

Belinda Olivares-Cunanan

REPORTS reaching this column said the political situation in Puerto Princesa City has become quite tense. Followers of former Mayor Edward Hagedorn have set up a shadow city hall in the Asia World Hotel while awaiting the decision of the Supreme Court on the issue of whether their candidate is qualified to serve the remainder of the first term of Mayor Dennis Socrates, who was subjected to a recall election last Sept. 24. Some people have been arrested for carrying illegal firearms.

Hagedorn won by over 3,000 votes over Socrates in the three-cornered fight that included Vicente Sandoval Jr. But the SC, in a decision issued at noon of election day, stopped the proclamation of the winner, pending the resolution of the issue of Hagedorn's eligibility to run in the term immediately following his three terms.

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The suspension of Hagedorn's proclamation has provoked tension especially since the incumbent Socrates is required under Section 72 of the Local Government Code of 1991 to continue running the city until his successor is proclaimed. In fact, the law is quite specific that the recalled local official "shall not be allowed to resign while the recall process is in progress." Given Hagedorn's victory at the polls, his followers understandably have difficulty coming to terms with the waiting game. But the tense situation demands a lot of statesmanship from the candidate himself. He has to rein in his followers as the law is very specific about the resolution of the recall process.

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Earlier, three Palawan citizens filed a disqualification case before the Comelec against Hagedorn on the ground that he was prohibited by the Constitution from running since he had just served the maximum three terms in 2001. This move was followed last Sept. 27 by a petition for his disqualification filed by Socrates through his counsel Edwin Gastanes.

The SC has to rule quickly on this question not only because of the tension in Puerto Princesa, but also because the issue is being raised as to whether an official who has already served three terms can finish the term of his successor who has been recalled, in effect allowing him to have a fourth term. The decision on this case will establish a precedent.

In his column in Today, Ateneo law dean and former Constitutional Commission member Joaquin Bernas disputed the Comelec's view that the Constitution does not say how long a three-termer must stay away before he can run again. He said that while Puerto Princesa may have a real need for a mayor like Hagedorn, "we must live with term limits" and if he is allowed to assume the post, he will be serving the term immediately after his third—"a fourth term, even if tenure will be short."

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Recall as a mechanism for removing local officials ahead of their designated term is very much in the news. Recall was instituted in our Constitution and the Local Government Code in order to remove from office bad or undeserving officials, but the problem is that it can be abused and exploited especially as a tool against first-termers who have had little time to grow political roots or show their mettle to the full. Critics of Socrates lament that he failed to give the city the continued publicity and dynamism it had enjoyed under the colorful Hagedorn, but I wonder if it was fair to demand this, considering that Socrates had only a year in office before the recall process was initiated.

On the other hand, the recall drive recently launched by mayors beholden to Antique's longtime political kingpin, Rep. Exequiel Javier, against neophyte Gov. Sally Zaldivar-Perez is clearly a case of political harassment. Javier can't seem to bear the thought that he now has to share power with Perez, never mind if she has won plaudits from her fellow governors in Western Visayas who chose her to chair the League of Governors of the region during her first year in office.

The harassment of first-termers, who have not developed the kind of hold over local officials that a three-termer always has, has led some observers to point out that perhaps recall should be allowed only during the second term of an official.

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If recall is being abused by some politicians, the instrument they are using is the preparatory recall assembly (PRA), composed of barangay chairpersons and sanggunian members in recall cases against mayors, and mayors and vice mayors and barangay chairpersons in cases against governors. The PRA was not found in the 1973 Constitution as well as in BP 337, the Local Government Code of 1983. Those documents only allowed a recall through direct vote by 25 percent of registered voters. The PRA was inserted into the Local Government Code of 1991 by House members, who argued that it was a cheaper and less difficult manner of carrying out the process (it was much easier for the politicians to manipulate). Interestingly, then Associate Justice Hilario Davide, in a dissenting opinion in the recall case brought before the SC by then Bataan Gov. Enrique Garcia against the Comelec, argued: "Since recall is constitutionally mandated in our jurisdiction, it goes without saying that it is a power reserved to the people to be exercised by the registered voters." Noting that the US system, from which we patterned our recall system, allows only the direct vote by the people, Davide maintained that the PRA is "unconstitutional because it amounts to an undue delegation of the power of recall."

Learning culture

AT LARGE

Rina Jimenez-David

COMING early to a performance of Ballet Philippines at the Cultural Center, my daughter and I found ourselves seated in the lobby surrounded by a group of young people. Then someone began addressing the group on what to expect and how to behave during the program.

The young people, I gathered, were college students and the person briefing them was their teacher. My high-school age daughter and I exchanged glances. Later, she smugly remarked: "I'm so glad you've been taking me to these things since I was a child! Maybe when I'm in college I won't need an orientation anymore!"

But it seems you can't "expose" people to the arts enough. And it also seems as if years of attending performances and dressing up for galas are no guarantee that a person will observe proper theater etiquette when she thinks no one (or at least no one among her social circle) is looking.

A noted dancer and dance teacher called me up recently to tell me about "two women who are quite prominent in Manila society" whom she spotted at a performance of Ballet Manila's "Giselle." All throughout the performance, my source said, the two were seen (and heard) eating dried squash seeds, even if there were large signs reminding everyone that eating inside the theater was prohibited. People around them, including my source, tried to discreetly call their attention but the two matrons were unperturbed. "When the lights came on and the two women stood up," my source related, "there were squash-seed peels on the floor around their seats."

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MY source bemoans the women's behavior since, she says, "you would expect them, on account of their education and background, to know how to behave during a theater performance."

And, may I add, if people who, one presumes, have ample opportunity to enjoy cultural activities, cannot bring themselves to observe proper theater etiquette, then how can you expect young people and common folk with far less exposure to the performing arts to likewise honor artists by behaving properly in a theater?

One of the things I most admire about Ballet Manila, for instance, especially after its move to the Star Theater, which is part of the Star City carnival complex, is its ability to draw a non-traditional audience to its ballets. And by non-traditional I mean people who would not normally take time or shell out money to watch a ballet or any other "serious" art form.

But the democratization of Ballet Manila's performances—including bringing its troupe on road tours to different provinces—also means subjecting the dancers to rowdy, noisy, sometimes unappreciative, but often wildly enthusiastic (to the point of applauding after every movement) audiences. It can be a pain to someone used to watching ballet under more sedate circumstances, but sometimes, the sheer naïve enjoyment of young people watching ballet for the first time can wake up jaded sensibilities.

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DURING Ballet Manila's recently concluded run of "Giselle," I noticed that most of the audience was composed of private and public high school students who were bused to the Star Theater. It seems that the Department of Education and the National Commission for Culture and the Arts have set aside funds for students to gain greater appreciation for the arts, including dance. But the implementation of this praiseworthy program still leaves much to be desired.

When I watched "Giselle," for instance, I wondered why about 70 percent of the audience that that Sunday afternoon streamed out after the first act. It turned out that the buses had been contracted for until 6 p.m. only, and the teachers didn't want to lose their rides. "We thought the performance would be for only 30 minutes!" one of the teachers told Susan Macuja, who heads the BM secretariat, when she remonstrated with them to stay and catch the second act, which is the essence of "Giselle."

During another performance, Lisa Macuja-Elizalde herself blocked the way of the departing students during the intermission. The students themselves were reluctant to leave, it seems, but their teachers were urging them to step out of the theater so they could have more time for the carnival rides. Well, it appears that before we can "educate" our young about culture and arts, we need to work on their teachers first.

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MY source confides that during a performance of "Giselle," she began asking the students around her if they knew "Giselle's" story and what to expect. "It turned out that they were told nothing about the ballet, so I began giving a brief orientation and later they told me they enjoyed the ballet so much more because of it."

"Perhaps Ballet Manila could send some of its dancers to the schools whose students are scheduled to watch their performances to orient them," my source suggested.

When I told CCP president Nes Jardin about this just yesterday, he said the CCP could perhaps help out with orientation sessions for the teachers.

There are precedents for arts companies reaching out to the greater public. The CCP itself has an "Arts for the People Program." In New York, the American Ballet Theater has special "ABT Kids" performances with a special program at greatly discounted prices. Dance lovers can also take part in "ABTalks," a 30-minute program held before some performances in which the dancers themselves discuss the history of the works about to be performed and talk about their own work.

If a company like Ballet Manila could adopt a program like this, perhaps the young audience would be less rowdy, and even matrons who should know better would no longer eat squash seeds during a ballet.

Voices from Malawig

HUMAN FACE

Ma. Ceres P. Doyo

MANY movies on teacher-student relationships have become unforgettable classics, among them, "To Sir, With Love" starring Sidney Poitier, "Up the Down Staircase," "Mr. Holland's Opus" and "Stand and Deliver" (the last one was based on a true story). And not to be ignored is the great stage play "The Miracle Worker" and its film adaptation which is about teacher Ann Sullivan and her deaf-blind pupil Hellen Keller. Both became icons and role models of the modern era.

One other unforgettable movie is the Chinese film "Not One Less" which was shown here a couple of years ago. I could not help raving about it in a column. I wanted to scream, why can't we make a beautiful, simple movie like that one?

And, oh yes, just one more: "Dead Poets Society," starring Robin Williams.

I don't think we've had that many serious Filipino films that tackled teachers and the noblest of professions. Television has had a few. I can only remember one movie, and that was the melodramatic "Mila," starring Maricel Soriano and which was supposed to have been based on a true story about a public school teacher who lost her job after joining a strike to demand payment of their salaries on time. Mila died a pauper, a heap of bones and flesh spread out on a sidewalk.

Now comes director Gil M. Portes' 2002 opus "Mga Munting Tinig" (Small Voices), which made a good splash at the recent Toronto International Film Festival in Canada. The same, it is hoped, would happen in our local movie scene. (Screenplay by Portes, Adolf Alix and Senedy Que, cinematography by Ely Cruz.)

I am not a movie critic and when I do write about some that I've seen, it's simply because I, a popcorn-and-Coke viewer, think they are remarkable. "Mga Munting Tinig" is remarkable in its simplicity and for driving the point clearly and well. And almost effortlessly. (And that takes a great deal of effort.)

Portes said he told Alessandra de Rossi, the dusky actress who played teacher Melinda in the movie, "I hope you never have to learn to act." De Rossi was a natural.

Melinda, fresh out of college, goes to the remote town of Malawig to teach in a small barrio school that time and government forgot. Here is a seedbed of hopelessness, passivity and mediocrity. And bitterness as well. The land is lush and fertile but adverse social factors seem to have conspired to make Malawig a place of no return. Neglect, armed insurgency, extreme poverty, the people's cynicism have prevailed, so what good could come out of Malawig? And what is in store for its young?

But Melinda comes with a suitcase and a flute—plus a big and open heart. She listens quietly to the little voices around her. What are they saying and not saying? She listens to the inanities and observes the unethical conduct of her fellow teachers. She is no Joan of Arc or Ann Sullivan; she works humbly and that is how she makes them see. When necessary, she stands up to make herself heard and fight for what is right. But that is getting ahead of the story.

There is a lot to learn from the children and their families. Every child comes from somewhere. (If only every teacher realizes that.) Here is the child of a rebel fighting in the hills. Another is the eldest of an overpopulated family headed by a cantankerous mother. Still another one despises his father. Gina Alajar, Amy Austria, Shamaine Centenera and Connie Chua as mothers with varied temperaments and views of life contribute a lot to the social texture of the film.

Children Popoy (Bryan Homecillo), Obet (Pierro Rodriquez) and Gela (Sining Blanco)—I wish I could mention all of them—are surprise gems. Portes said many of the child actors/singers in the movie study in expensive schools but succeeded in looking like children of *mag-uuling*. The teachers (veterans Dexter Doria, Irma Adlawan and Malou Crisologo) are convincing portraits, if not caricatures of what many of our teachers, who start out with lofty ideals, have become. But they prove they are not beyond redemption.

The movie has its share of laughs and tragedies. Death claims the best and the brightest in a most unexpected way. But life must go on in this little patch of a village.

As with several "teacher movies" I have watched, this one too has a contest—a convenient medium for the students to go out and prove their worth. This could make it all a bit contrived, if not too predictable, but in "Mga Munting Tinig" Portes and editor George Jarlego did a smart thing to crack that. That is for you to find out.

The jewel of a song "Mga Munting Tinig" by Joy Marfil ties it all up like a ribbon, but not in the overwhelming way some movie theme songs do. It starts out as a breath of a tune from teacher Melinda's flute and later finds its way to the children's voices. I hope the song lives on.

Will Melinda leave her job and go to the United States where her family is impatiently waiting? Why should she stay on in Malawig when the world out there is waiting at her feet? Should she confine herself in this little corner without having tried other uncharted paths?

"Mga Munting Tinig" will be shown in an invitational premiere at Premier THX in Makati on Oct. 12. The event's sponsor is the Foundation for Worldwide People Power which is launching its Adopt-a-School Program. We hope to see some of the stars there as well as some people from Sitio Talaga in Morong, where the FWWPP's first Adopt-A-School Program is being put in place.

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How I brought home a wife

YOUNG BLOOD

Leon D.

We want to know what the young are thinking about. What are their thoughts on current issues? We welcome contributions from the twentysomething and below.—Ed.

I USED to think that getting married was an exciting and thrilling experience. But when the time came for me to announce and prepare for my wedding, it turned out to be a rather "traumatic" experience. And it was not because I did not love my wife, nor was I forced (by her or her mother) into marriage.

It was just another ordinary day when I first saw her. But there was a funny feeling inside that made my heart jump and my pulse race, though I did not quite understand what it was that time. Yes, she was—and she still is—undeniably beautiful. But I did not have even the tiniest of intentions to go after her. I was in another sort of relationship and had my own commitments. So I really did not take full notice of my "funny feeling" or maybe I was just trying to ignore it.

Then something happened to the "relationship" that I was currently in. I became confused and restless. I yearned for something else. After three years of considering and thinking over everything, I finally decided to search for what would make me truly happy—much to the consternation of my family.

Maybe fate has its own scheme for me. It had been months since I last saw her, but when we saw each other again, I found her presence so exciting that I could not stop my heart from beating like it did almost two years earlier. To cut the story short, we fell in love. Our love bloomed. I was never happier. I had never wanted someone or something so much. Then she got pregnant (but not accidentally). And we decided to get married.

It could have been just another love story, except that I was fresh out of the seminary and she had been my teacher.

Of course, there was nothing wrong with falling in love like we did. Love transcends everything, if we will it. Besides, our love blossomed after I had gotten out of the seminary and she was not my teacher anymore (although in many ways we continue to teach and learn from each other today).

However, marriage is a social contract and it is not just a commitment between lovers. There will always be the society and ever-loving and protective parents who want a say on everything, especially something as important as marriage.

I grew up in a Catholic community and my parents brought us up according to the Church's teachings. Everything we did was aimed at pleasing others and denying the self.

One of the principal reasons my parents opposed our plan to get married was their concern over what others might say. Besides, we made the announcement only a week after my elder brother had gotten married (which, by the way, also met stiff opposition from our family). I knew it would break my mother's heart, but I had to tell our family. My relationship could not remain in the closet forever.

I will not forget the pain and anxiety I felt days before the revelation. Even as I spoke, my hands and voice were trembling.

I knew my mom to be a strong woman, and I never saw her cry like that before. My dad, as usual, just sat quietly, but I could also feel his strong disapproval. What would others say? *Nakakahiya.*

In a way I could understand what they were feeling. Tradition dictated that there should not be two weddings in a family within a year. I was barely out of the seminary, and I was her last hope of having a priest for a son. Worse, my chosen bride was not a member of our community; she was a city girl, and that was not a plus in her favor as far as my family was concerned. My folks, including my father, had this notion that people from the city were "bad and immoral."

I introduced her to them on the day of my brother's wedding. The first questions my father asked her were: "Where are you from?" and "What language do you speak?"

These questions might appear simple and innocuous to others, but to my father the answers to them were a good gauge of one's worth.

I had known our union would create a stir, but I refused to understand why my folks would consider what others said more important than my own happiness.

Such things should not have been an issue to me. As a seminarian and philosophy major, I learned to appreciate unconventional ideas. I believe that societal norms and cultural standards should not dictate how people live (though sadly, it does for many). The most these should do is serve as a guide.

However, my parents raised me to be a conformist, to stick to "normal" practices. These pressures, including my parents' clear objection to our marriage, got to me and there was a time when I considered giving her up. I was so confused. I was being crushed between the pressure of my parents and society and what I wanted for myself, what I thought would make me happy.

I remember someone saying that where your heart is, is where you'll find your treasure. For me, my heart was with my beloved. Amid all the pressures, I focused on the very basic thing about our relationship. I asked myself if I really loved her and if the idea of spending the rest of my life with her was at least bearable. The answer was yes. Problem solved.

Now our daughter is almost 2 years old. She looks like me and has her mother's charm and wit. Had I decided to let those pressures influence me, I would be missing the wonderful opportunity of raising our adorable child and the beauty of growing together as a family.

Sometimes I wonder what I would do if my child were in the same situation. Would I give her a hard time like my parents did to me because I was too young to get married or because her relationship leaves a bad taste in my mouth? To be honest, I am not really sure. I know I will not be a perfect parent. But I know I will not let my daughter go through the same painful experience just because I am more worried about what other people might say than her own happiness.

It took me all of six months to finish this essay. It was difficult to put down my feelings in words because I had to deal with my residual resentment. Now I have forgiven my parents for their selfish acts. We have started to communicate with each other, although my father still does not address my wife directly.

In fairness to them, they are really not as prejudiced and scheming as they seem to be. I still look up to them as models in many aspects of parenting and marriage. Maybe they were just taken off-guard by my decision to get married. But that experience will always be in my heart and it will serve as a reminder that I should know better when it is my daughter's turn.

My wife had a hard a time dealing with the hurt caused by the rejection. I know how it felt, and perhaps it even pained me more. She was alone during those difficult times. And I thank her for staying the course and fighting for our love. Now we can proudly proclaim that despite having lost some battles, we have won the war.

Leon D., 22, keeps his daughter company 24 hours a day while waiting for a job opportunity.

Congressmen should junk 'tayo-tayo' mentality

THE RECENT decision of the Supreme Court canceling the bail of Rep. Mark Jimenez, effectively paving the way for him to be placed behind bars, shows that once in a while justice also triumphs over power, influence and money in our country. This ruling has done much to restore the credibility of the judiciary, which for several years now has been under severe criticism, prompting even US Ambassador Francis Ricciardone to issue his now famous and controversial statement about corruption in the Philippines.

While this has a positive effect on our perception of the courts, the reaction of several congressmen to the ruling and their threats to impeach the justices of the Supreme Court, only heighten the people's negative perception of the House of Representatives. It reveals Congress as a closely knit family or fraternity of persons sharing a "*tayo-tayo*" mentality; it's them against the rest of the country. They are really not working for the people's interest but their own. While they may quarrel among each other, when there is an outside threat they immediately close ranks.

To the honorable gentlemen of the House: Leave the interpretation of the laws to the Supreme Court. Concentrate on what the people are paying you for, and that is to make laws. Incidentally, on this score, what new laws has Congress passed that would justify the billions of pesos taxpayers have been spending to support their lavish lifestyle?

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Masking tapes to tie suspects

DO our police authorities have a shortage of handcuffs? I am asking this question because I noticed that during a recent raid conducted by the Video Regulatory Board, the hands of some of those arrested were tied with masking tapes.

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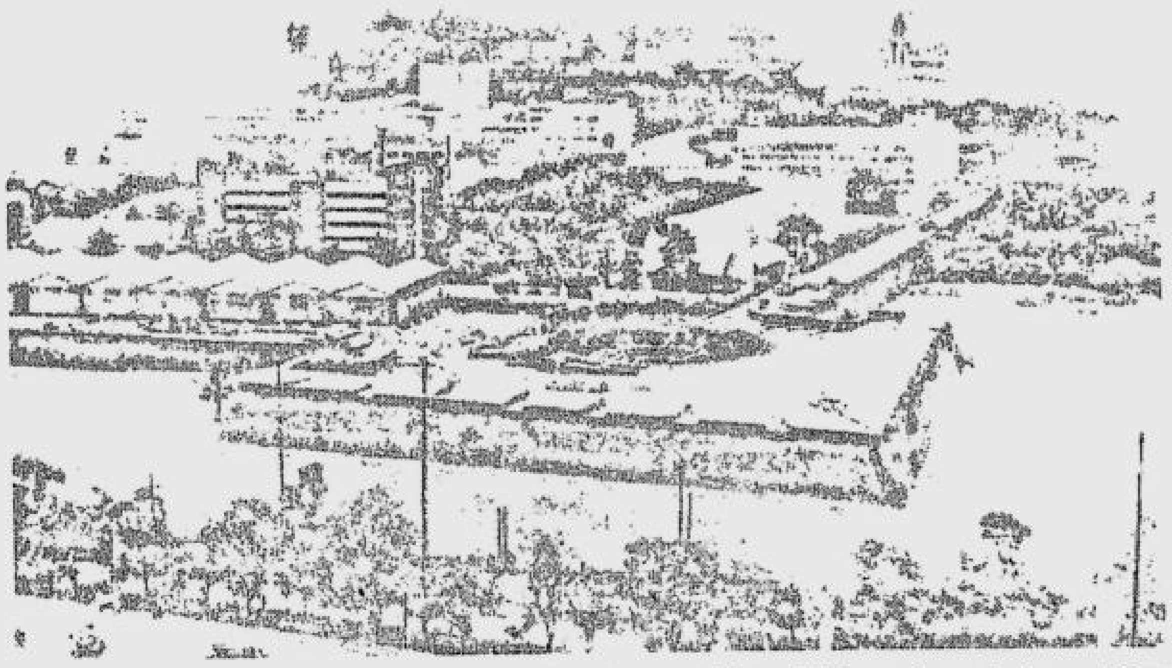
Intramuros belongs to Manila



THIS is in response to the column of Ambeth Ocampo last Sept 11, titled "Why Intramuros should remain with the IA."

We take strong exception to his opinion that says, in essence, that Intramuros would be better off remaining under the Intramuros Administration instead of being transferred to the City of Manila. Is he saying that the IA administrator, an appointee of the secretary of tourism, has more right to manage Intramuros than the elected mayor of Manila?

The IA was created by virtue of a presidential decree issued during martial law and placed under the Ministry of Human Settlements.

Since 1986, Intramuros has deteriorated. Garbage is strewn all over the area and informal settlers have proliferated there. Frankly, Intramuros has become a danger zone.

Sixteen years after it was created, the IA still exists despite its failure to fulfill its mandate. It has become an anachronism, one of the last vestiges of martial law and a testament to the failure of centralized rule in the country.

Do we wish Intramuros to further deteriorate? This is what will happen if it continues to fail to keep pace with the rest of the city which we are trying to revive.

As a historian, Ocampo correctly pointed out that Manila originated from Intramuros. This is why we are surprised when he asked, "How do you return to Manila what was not there in the first place?" Do the presidential decrees he cited to bolster his position that Intramuros should not be placed under the City of Manila erase the historical fact that it is an integral part of the city and, indeed, it is where the city originally started?

The transfer of Intramuros to the City of Manila is not a question of turf. It is about justice and giving substance to the principle of local autonomy.

At a time when most national government functions are being devolved to local governments, we find it quite odd that there are some who would insist on keeping such functions with national agencies that have not even fulfilled their mandated tasks.

Intramuros is a part of Manila, and it is but right for the city government to insist on exercising its duties and responsibilities under the Local Government Code, including the effective management and preservation of Intramuros.

We in Manila, including and especially Mayor Lito Atienza, take great pride in our city's heritage. We have shown in the past four years how much we value our city and have worked hard under the most trying conditions to revive it.

This is our city, and we take good care of our own. We want Intramuros because it is part of our legacy. It is something that we treasure and something that we want to nurture not only for the present generation of Manileños and Filipinos but for the coming generations as well.

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No PPA reduction in Mindoro?

WE, the consumer-members of the Occidental Mindoro Electric Cooperative (Omeco), would like to call the attention of the authorities concerned to the blatant disregard by the National Power Corp. and the Energy Regulatory Commission of the order reducing the purchased power adjustment (PPA) fees.

In our case, instead of getting a reduction, we are seeing a steady increase of not less than 22 centavos per kilowatt-hour (kWh) on our monthly electric bills since July 2002. Last September, the rates for residential and industrial users ranged from P6.6431 to P6.9331 per kWh, one of the highest nationwide.

What happened to the daily trimedia advertisement showing the supposed "lower electric bills through PPA reduction"? Are we, in Mindoro and other small grids like Palawan and Marinduque, shouldering the PPA reduction in Meralco's service areas? Are we not part of the general Filipino public who deserve the benefits of GMA's "*alaga sa pamilyang Pilipino*"?

We ask for the President's intervention on this matter so that Mindoro and other small island grids will enjoy a reduction in our power bills.

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A tolerance for graft and stupidity

I WAS still in grade school when such phrases as "What are we in power for?" or "Rich people do not steal!" (both statements were attributed to two senators: Jose Avelino and Pacita Madrigal-Warns), and "He was already a very rich man even before he became president" (Imelda Marcos) were used as arguments to counter accusations of wrongdoing, shenanigans or incompetence in public service. Now politicians, public officials, kidnappers and even lowly government personnel resort to semantic acrobatics. Consider the following:

- "It may be expensive but it is not over-priced." (An official of the Public Estates Authority on the President Diosdado Macapagal Boulevard scam.)
- "Tried and Tested formula." (A congressman, Philippine National Police and military officials on suspected payment of ransom for the release of the congressman's two children by kidnappers.)
- "Payment for board and lodging." (Payment of ransom to kidnappers with the full knowledge and acquiescence of military and local government officials.)
- "War in the middle East is good for Philippine tourism." (The secretary of tourism on the impending attack on Iraq by the United States.)
- "Constitutional crisis." (Congressmen supporting a colleague wanted in the United States for various offenses.)
- "*Lalaki lang siya* (He is only a man)." (The live-in partner of an actor justifying the rape of her daughter.)
- "*Humingi siya ng tulong kaya tinutulungan ko lang siya* (He asked for help, so I was just trying to help him)." (A female traffic enforcer caught accepting a marked P20-bill from a truck driver.)
- "*Naghahanapbuhay lang kami* (We are just trying to earn a living)." (Vendors who refuse to leave the sidewalks.)
- "Un-relocated settlers." (The MMDA's term for squatters.)
- "Pray." (The response of an MWSS official during a Senate inquiry on what options to be taken in case the rains don't come.)

And as a student of sports, here is my favorite:

"We have won a substantial number of 'near gold' medals." (A former chair of the Philippine Sports Commission and the president of the Philippine Olympic Committee, justifying the poorest performance of our country in the last Southeast Asian Games.)

There are more gems which perhaps the psychologists and sociologists in our midst might find useful in interpreting what seems to be a culture-bound tolerance on our part for graft and corruption, sheer incompetence and stupidity. And our penchant for labeling these foolishness as "Only in the Philippines!"

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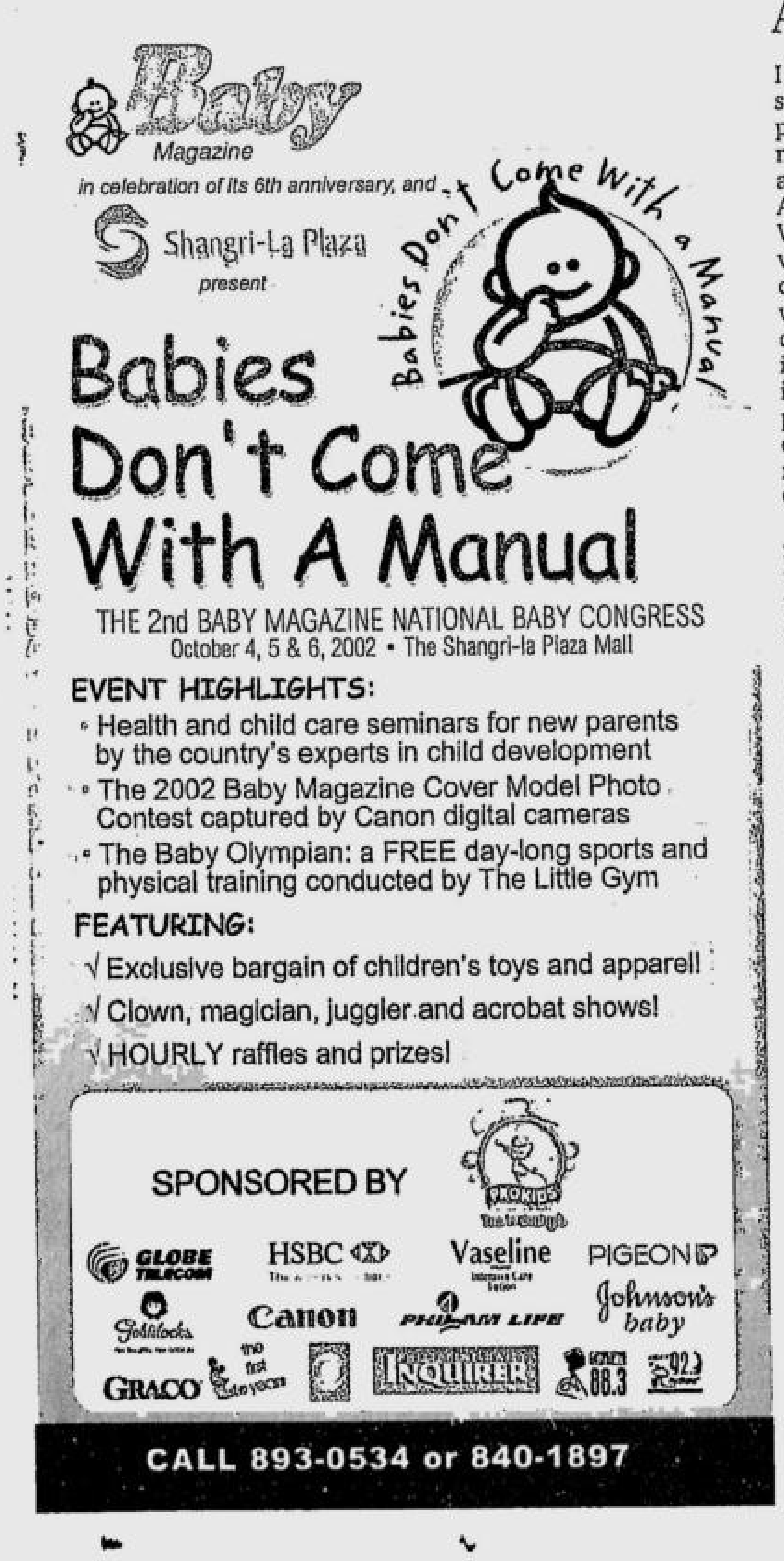

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About those carrots

PINOY KASI

Michael L. Tan

THE PAST few days I've been reading a bunch of student papers on globalization. The topic was their own choice, obviously the flavor of the month, but I was appalled by the way they'd just parrot the anti-globalization rhetoric—mostly cut-and-paste stuff from the Internet—without understanding what it's all about. Only a few could give me concrete examples of how globalization affect us, for example how UP's bulletin boards are filled now with ads for Nokia phone sales, or a generic "Brandtology" events offering brand-name clothes.

Globalization is a very real issue, but I think we in media and in educational institutions may not be doing enough to show how it affects people's daily lives, both in positive and negative ways.

Yesterday's revelation by Agriculture Secretary Leonardo Montemayor that we've been importing huge volumes of fresh vegetables—266 tons by Rustan's alone during the first nine months of the year—can be a case study to help us look at the connections between globalization and our personal lives.

Montemayor was concerned about how these imports, mainly from Australia, were displacing the local "Baguio vegetables" industry. Appealing to the importers' "corporate social responsibility," Montemayor reminded the companies that the vegetables they were importing are in fact produced in the Philippines "in sufficient quantity."

I was thinking, too, about the painful irony around this use of dollars for vegetables. The Cordillera is one of the country's main "exporting" regions when it comes to overseas Filipino workers, mostly caregivers. We send them out—and these are mostly women who leave their own families behind—and then use the money to import "Baguio vegetables."

Note that demand for "Baguio vegetables" is itself a product of an earlier phase of globalization. Baguio was developed during the US colonial period, and the planting of "Baguio vegetables" was first initiated in response to the Americans' longing for the vegetables from home. Baguio's cool climate was especially suited for these crops. With time, the natives (that's us) acquired a taste as well for these vegetables as well as strawberries and blueberries.

We see these culinary preferences in the pattern of imports by Rustan's: almost 5 tons of carrot, 1.3 tons of potato, 1.1 tons of leek, 2.2 tons of cabbage, 1 ton of mushroom, 2.7 tons of cauliflower.

I'm not going to be a hypocrite and say we should stop eating such vegetables. I'm usually vegetarian and seeing heaps of vegetables on supermarket shelves gives me a feeling somewhat similar to what you carnivores get seeing crispy *pata* or *lechon*.

At the same time, I have become more careful, whenever I do my groceries, about the sources of these vegetables. Once I scooped up luscious-looking spinach at Rustan's and learned only after it had been weighed and priced (P80 for two handfuls) that it was from Australia.

I was piqued because Rustan's did not properly indicate, on the display shelves, how much the spinach was and that it was imported. But I got more irritated driving home and thinking that spinach and most of the other imported vegetables can be grown not just in the Cordillera but in Tagaytay, General Santos and many other places that don't get too hot.

Even more ironic is that some of the produce we associate with Western countries and cool climates will thrive in the heat. The mushroom imports intrigue me because I grow them at home, in my study room. (I can see them as I work on this article.) No, I don't need to have the air-conditioner on because mushrooms thrive on warmth and humidity. Visit the Rizal Technological College on Boni Avenue and you can buy mushroom spawn, as well as the logs for growing them. They'll explain to you that mushrooms, including shitake, grow anywhere even, or should I say, especially under the kitchen sink.

Shouldn't we be eating more of "our own" vegetables like *kangkong*, you might ask? I wouldn't mind and in fact feel we're not doing enough to promote some of the local vegetables, including a wonderful array of seaweeds. But we have to remember, too, that there's no such thing as a "Filipino" vegetable, or for that matter, a Thai or American vegetable. All these foods were exchanged and introduced into new environments through the centuries. The issue is not so much whether it's a "Filipino" vegetable or not as where it's grown and how it eventually gets to your kitchen.

It's interesting that if you really want to think globally—at least in terms of doing what we can for environmental conservation—we should be trying, as much as possible, to purchase foods grown locally. The importation process isn't just an economic transaction; it involves packaging and transport, all of which consume energy. The depletion of resources increases if the food item is processed, so between two versions of an imported product, for example, fresh Australian carrots and pre-baked carrot cake from the United States, the former is still preferable in terms of your health, and the health of the environment.

I know, all these facts make a supermarket trip so much more complicated but let's review the hierarchy of choices. The best option is still to grow your own, if you have the time and energy, and let's face it, there are many practical considerations. *Malunggay's* easy to grow but planting your own rice doesn't work out when you have to teach (and correct papers on globalization) and research and raise a family and do INQUIRER columns.

The next best option is to buy locally grown produce, whether *kangkong* or alfalfa sprouts, which are now grown in Tagaytay as well. (Then, too, you have to deal with a partner who scoffs, alfalfa alpalpa, and insists on *tauge* or *munggo* sprouts.)

The Australian stuff at Rustan's? Think again, locally, globally.

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'Solution' creates bigger traffic problem

I AM a resident of Greenmeadows, Quezon City. I am writing about the disconcerting change in the traffic flow where I live.

The streets in question are Temple Drive and Giraffe Street. Both have been designated one-way streets by the authorities effective Aug. 22, 2002. They reasoned that it would improve or ease the traffic in the affected area. To the chagrin and woe of residents, it did the exact opposite and made life miserable for drivers and commuters.

In the past, the congestion around the junction happened rarely. Now it happens regularly, with the traffic jam starting on Giraffe. I can't get out of my driveway for more than 10 minutes, and as if it's not enough, the snail's pace of traffic flow from Gate 1 to Temple Drive is one for the record,

The problem is partly caused by the traffic coming out of Temple Drive that turns left to Greenmeadows causing a bottleneck at that junction. Previously, motorists had an option to use either Giraffe or Temple Drive to turn left to Greenmeadows. Now, all of them have to use Temple Drive. The supposed solution has created an even greater problem.

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The WORLD

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White House welcomes bullet or exile for Saddam

WASHINGTON—The White House said Tuesday it would embrace the assassination or exile of Iraqi leader Saddam Hussein by his own people, saying "one bullet" or a "one-way ticket" would cost less than US military action to oust him.

"Regime change is welcome in whatever form it takes," spokesman Ari Fleischer said after being prodded on whether Washington was urging Iraqis to kill Saddam, whom Washington has pledged to disarm and overthrow.

The surprising discussion arose when Fleischer was asked about divergent cost estimates for potential US military action against Iraq, leading him to retort that the Iraqis themselves had cheaper alternatives.

"The cost of a one-way ticket is substantially less than that. The cost of one bullet the Iraqi people taken on themselves is substantially less than that," said Fleischer, the chief spokesperson for US President George W. Bush.

"There are many options that the president hopes the world and people of Iraq will exercise themselves of, that gets rid of the threat," the spokesperson added.

Given repeated chances to clarify his comments, Fleischer stuck to his guns, declining to deny outright that he was urging Iraqis to assassinate Saddam and saying that Bush supports any tactic that brings about "regime change."

But he also told reporters that the White House was not seeking to rescind, modify or skirt the 1976 presidential order banning the United States or its agents from assassinating foreign leaders for political purposes.

And a senior administration official quickly sought reporters after Fleischer's comments to insist that Washington was only broadly urging Iraqis to rise up and overthrow Saddam.

That official, speaking on condition of anonymity, stressed that Iraqi opposition forces to be trained and equipped by the United States were not being prepared for an assassination attempt.

The official emphasized that the 1976 executive order "remains in place and it is binding only on the United States and United States agents."

But he said that it would not be assassination if US forces killed Saddam during possible military action to strip him of any nuclear, chemical, or biological arms.

"In wartime, and I'm not presupposing any sort of action or decision here, command and control targets are legitimate targets," said the official.

Fleischer's comments came as the US campaign to disarm Saddam and force him to abide by a host of UN resolutions took a faintly personal tone.

Last Thursday, Bush described the Iraqi leader as "the guy who tried to kill my dad," a reference to former president George Bush, who waged the 1991 Gulf War to expel Iraqi forces from Kuwait.

And the former leader himself bluntly told CNN television earlier this month: "I hate Saddam Hussein." "I don't hate easily, but I think he's, as I say, his word is no good and he's a brute . . . So, there's nothing redeeming about this man . . . I have nothing but hatred in my heart for him. He's got a lot of problems, but immortality isn't one of them," the elder Bush said.

As the former leader traveled to Kuwait in April 1993, officials there disrupted a car-bomb plot they said they traced back to Saddam. The plot was aimed at Kuwait's emir and the former president, officials said.

Then-US president Bill Clinton cited the plot as justification for a June 1993 US missile attack on Baghdad's intelligence headquarters.

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Mother Teresa smiles in this undated file photo from Italy. Mother Teresa is a step closer to being confirmed to sainthood by Pope John Paul after a committee at the Vatican recently confirmed she had 'heroic virtues' of Christian faith, and also approved a miracle attributed to the Nobel prize-winning nun.

FBI never completed terror assessment in US, audit says

WASHINGTON—The FBI, heavily criticized for intelligence failings leading up to the Sept. 11 attacks, has never developed a comprehensive written assessment of the terrorist threat in the United States, a Justice Department audit showed on Tuesday.

The Office of the Inspector General released an audit of the FBI's counter-terrorism program, which found that although the bureau has gone through a major restructuring, it has not followed through with promises to create a written assessment of terrorist risks.

Although the bureau drafted a Terrorist Threat Report after the Sept. 11 attacks, it never assessed the likelihood of future attacks, potential targets or possible methods a terrorist might use, the report said.

In addition, it said the FBI has never fully assessed the threat and risk of a terrorist attack with chemical and biological materials or with other weapons of mass destruction.

"Because the FBI has not completed a systematic written assessment of the most likely terrorism scenarios—taking into account terrorist methods, capabilities and intent—it may not have fully identified the specific nature of the threat so that it could focus its attention and resources to prepare adequately and respond effectively," the audit said.

One reason for the inadequacy cited in the report could be that no single individual was accountable for managing the assessment. The inspector general's audit also said some officials believed the FBI lacks the analytical capability or resources to complete such a broad threat assessment.

In May, FBI Director Robert Mueller acknowledged that the bureau had mishandled possible clues before the Sept. 11 attacks when he announced plans to transform the crime-fighting agency to one with a primary focus on counter-terrorism.

"While the FBI has taken significant steps to revamp its counter-terrorism program, we believe it needs to develop a comprehensive, written assessment of the terrorist threat facing the United States," said Inspector General Glenn Fine.

"Our audit concluded that such an assessment would aid the FBI as it changes its priorities and seeks to prevent, deter and disrupt terrorist acts." The audit also showed that the FBI has not yet incorporated any assessment of a terrorist threat or risk of attack into its strategic plan, which has not been updated since 1998.

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Sharon orders marksmen to surround Arafat HQ, vows more military action

RAMALLAH, West Bank—Israel put Yasser Arafat's compound back under the gun on Tuesday, sending army marksmen to take up positions nearby amid reports militants slipped out after troops aborted a siege under US pressure.

Prime Minister Ariel Sharon, smarting from the humiliation of having to scrap the siege without arresting wanted men inside, predicted Israel would halt Palestinian "terror" within a few months and pave the way for political talks.

Sharon gave no details, but has said military action in Gaza aimed at destroying the operational capabilities of Hamas, a militant Islamic group behind dozens of suicide bombings, should be Israel's next step in what he calls a war against terror.

But Israeli leaders have acknowledged that Israel might have to temper its military moves against the Palestinians while the United States pursues Arab and international support for a possible offensive against Iraq.

In a diplomatic setback for the United States in the Arab world, Washington drew Muslim anger after US President George W. Bush signed into law legislation requiring his administration to identify Jerusalem as Israel's capital in official documents.

Near Arafat's battered Muqata compound in Ramallah, marksmen took over several buildings with clear views of the complex in an apparent bid to stop militants getting away after Israeli media reported that some 50 wanted Palestinians had sneaked out of the complex. The army had no comment.

Tanks and troops stormed the compound on Sept. 19 after two Palestinian suicide bombings killed seven people in Israel.

Israel withdrew troops, tanks and bulldozers from the complex on Sunday after a 10-day siege in which they destroyed every building except the Palestinian president's main offices.

Arabs bitterly denounced the US legislation on Jerusalem, which they saw as fresh evidence of Washington's bias towards Israel.

"This is an act against peace, an act of incitement," Nabil Shaath, the Palestinian planning and international cooperation minister said.

Qatar, current head of the Organization of the Islamic Conference, condemned the law as a "flagrant violation of UN Security Council resolutions on Jerusalem."

Palestinians want to make East Jerusalem, captured by Israel in the 1967 Middle East war, the capital of the future state they aspire to establish in the West Bank and Gaza Strip. Israel regards all of Jerusalem as its capital.

Britain, Washington's main ally in any future action against Iraqi leader Saddam Hussein, also put the United States on notice that policy towards Israel must be even-handed.

British Prime Minister Tony Blair, slammed by left-wingers in his Labor Party for threatening war in Iraq instead of trying to end Israeli-Palestinian violence, said UN resolutions must be implemented across the Middle East, not just in Baghdad.

"Yes, what is happening in the Middle East now is ugly and wrong—the Palestinians living in increasingly abject conditions, humiliated and hopeless (and) Israeli civilians brutally murdered," he told Labor's annual conference.

Blair called on Israel and the Palestinians to resume full peace negotiations by the end of the year.

Israel was surprised at Blair's comments, political sources said, adding that it was Bush's vision that counts.

The United States, the main Middle East peace broker, has made renewed talks on Palestinian statehood conditional on security and anti-corruption reforms in the Palestinian Authority and a new leadership "not compromised by terror." In his first meeting with the influential Fatah faction since the siege began, Arafat said he would have to delay the naming of an interim cabinet, which was to have been presented by the end of Sept.

Arafat's 21-member cabinet resigned on Sept. 11 when it appeared that the Palestinian president would lose a confidence vote in the Palestinian Legislative Council.

The new government will preside until legislative and parliamentary elections that Arafat set for January 20 under intense domestic and international pressure to reform his government. *Reuters*

EDWINA Currie

Former lover assails UK ex-PM Major

LONDON—A former lover of ex-prime minister John Major lashed out at him Wednesday for saying he was ashamed of their affair.

Edwina Currie, whose account of the affair is being serialized in The Times newspaper, denounced Major for the first time since she revealed their four-year relationship at the weekend.

Major has admitted the affair, but said it ended in 1988 when he became a government minister and that it was the most shameful episode of his life.

"He may say now that he was ashamed of it, but he wasn't ashamed of it then and he wanted it to go on," Currie told BBC Radio 5 Live.

Currie, a former minister in the government of prime minister Margaret Thatcher, said Wednesday she called off the affair when Major was made a minister.

She said neither of them had "stopped caring for each other" but the risks of being found out were too great.

"I ended it by writing to John. I didn't want to but it seemed to me that now he was in the Cabinet we were running far too many risks."

The revelations have stunned Britain, which had always regarded Major as a straight-laced, but rather boring figure, incapable of indiscretion.

Major, who was prime minister from 1990 until 1997, was considered one of Britain's most personally upright politicians and was never implicated in a series of sex and corruption scandals that dogged the Conservative Party and helped drive his government from office in 1997.

Currie defended her decision to reveal the affair, saying she had to set the record straight by publishing her diaries.

"The picture that had been painted of those years, particularly the 1980s was one that was a little limited," Currie said.

"I had the answer to an awful lot of questions and I hung on to those answers until they could do no more damage," she said.

Currie said her two daughters were "a little surprised" by the revelations. *AP*

Lung cancer breakthrough in London

LONDON—British scientists announced a breakthrough in lung cancer research on Tuesday, identifying a molecule that may be responsible for the spread of a deadly form of the disease that kills 10,000 people in Britain each year.

According to researchers at Hammersmith Hospital and Imperial College London who published a study in the European Molecular Biology Organization's EMBO Journal, the discovery is a first step toward developing a treatment for small cell lung cancer.

The particularly virulent form of cancer kills 97 percent of patients within five years of diagnosis and is often resistant to chemotherapy, thereby making treatment difficult.

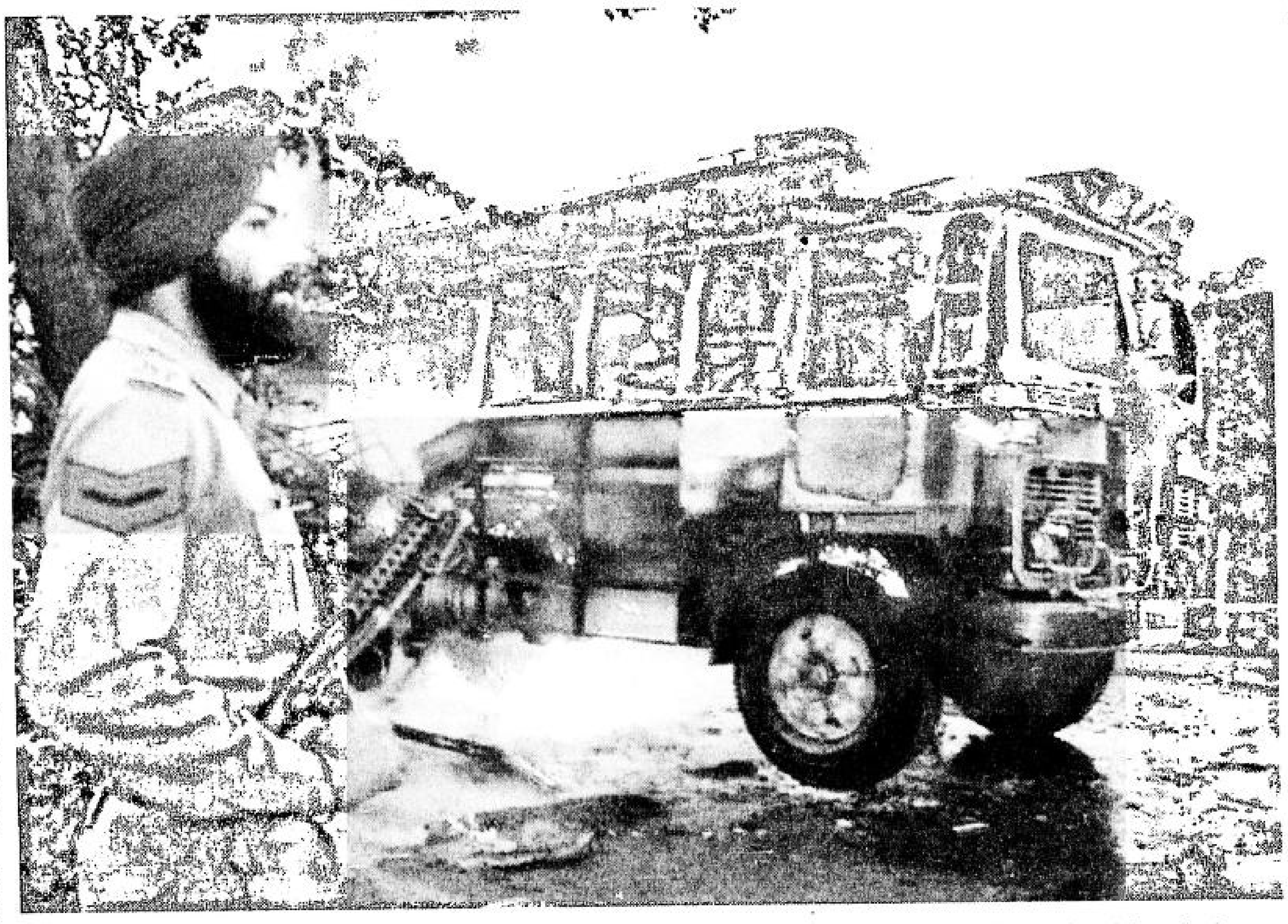
The molecule, a member of the PI3K (phosphoinositide 3-kinase) family, may be crucial to the spread of the disease, the researchers said, since it influences several growth factor signals that cause cancer cells to spread and divide.

The scientists found that in small lung cancer cells, compared to normal lung tissue, there was too much of the molecule.

Michael Seckl of Hammersmith Hospital, who led the research, called the work "an important discovery that will help us in working towards a treatment that targets and destroys the molecule and in so doing, stops cancer of the lung growing."

He said it was an "important step forward" to be able to identify a common single molecule within each cancer cell that allows the different growth factors to function.

Because small-cell lung cancer can spread in response to many growth factors, targeting individual factors on their own is not likely to be very successful. *AFP*



A MEMBER of the Jammu and Kashmir police stands guard next to a burning bus, Oct. 2, in Jammu. A powerful bomb ripped through a bus on the outskirts of Jammu killing eight persons. The bus was heading for Katra, where thousands of Hindu pilgrims go to visit the holy shrine of Mata Vaishno Devi. AFP

14 killed in bloody attacks in Indian Kashmir

SRINAGAR, India—Eight bus passengers and six Indian troops died in a day of bloody attacks Tuesday by suspected Islamic militants in Indian Kashmir, marring the third round of a legislative vote in the disputed state.

Another 19 people were injured when militants attacked about a dozen polling stations with grenades, rockets, landmines and gunfire, police said.

In a further incident on a day also marked by protests and claims the security forces had coerced people into voting, police said a soldier was killed in an explosion during a sweep of a venue at the southern town of Doda which was to be used for an election rally.

Indian electoral officials said 41 percent of voters had turned out in the four districts where the four-phased staggered vote was held on Tuesday.

Releasing provisional results at a press conference in Srinagar, the region's summer capital, chief election officer Pramod Jain said 25 percent of voters turned out in Anantnag district, 28 percent in adjoining Pulwama district, 56 percent in Udhampur and 59 percent in southern Kathua district.

Jain said the voting was marred by a series of violent incidents aimed at "scaring away" the voters.

"After very successful and violence-free first two phases of elections, our friends from across the border made a desperate attempt to disrupt the polls," Jain said in clear reference to Pakistan, which India accuses of sponsoring the rebel militancy. *AFP*

Opus Dei wants to come in from the cold

By Philip Pullella

VATICAN CITY—Opus Dei, the conservative Catholic group which feels it has been maligned and misunderstood, wants to come in from the cold.

The group is making an effort to win over any remaining sceptics before Sunday, when Pope John Paul makes a saint of the group's founder, Spanish priest Josemaria Escriva.

More than 250,000 members and supporters of the group, which means "God's Work," are expected to attend the canonization in St. Peter's Square and will be in seventh heaven.

Escriva died in 1975 and by 1992, he was declared a "blessed" of the Church—a record for the time.

Critics said then that this only proved Opus Dei's power in the Vatican but actually it was one of the first groups in the Church to take advantage of new rules which streamlined the saint-making procedure after centuries.

In the years leading up to Escriva's 1992 beatification—the last step before sainthood—Opus Dei was almost daily accused of having a dangerous, secret, fundamentalist agenda.

Some leftist Italian parliamentarians said it was similar to or worse than a Masonic lodge and wanted parliament to ban it.

An interior ministry investigation came to nothing.

"Here I am. Ask me anything you want," smiled Father Flavio Capucci, the Italian postulator, or chief promoter of the cause for Escriva's sainthood.

Capucci has made it his life's work to get Escriva the Church recognition of sanctity that Opus Dei members firmly believe he deserves. Capucci's mind has been on little else for the past 24 years.

He is one of some 1,800 Opus Dei's priests. The rest of some 84,000 members worldwide are regular, ordinary Catholics, many of them from the professional classes.

They wear no uniform or clerical collar or religious. They don't even wear a cross on their lapel as some modern priests who wear civilian clothing do.

Partly because its members are not easily identifiable, the group has often been accused of trying to form a "church within the church" and secretly advance its conservative agenda.

"Before 1982, we had no precise place in the Church structure, so people were suspicious," Capucci said.

In 1982, the Pope made Opus Dei the first personal prelature, a new structure foreseen by the Second Vatican Council in 1965. A personal prelature is a unique juridical position in the Church which distinguishes it from a traditional religious order such as the Franciscans.

The suspicions did not end in 1982 but the organization does appear to have opened up to outsiders little by little over the past 20 years and even past critics have acknowledged that.

Rodolfo Brancoli, a veteran Italian journalist who has followed Opus Dei for nearly 50 years, said there had been a "substantial change in the perception of Opus Dei recently."

Brancoli noted that traditionally leftist Italian newspapers such as La Repubblica and L 'Espresso had done an about face.

Once Opus Dei was accused of favoring a career mentality in its members, of inspiring the religious equivalent of an "old boy" network which prayed together, played together and helped each other out in the halls of business and banking.

"Today, all of a sudden, it seems to be fashionable for the politician, the businessman, and the newspaper editor who only recently stayed away to want to be publicly associated with Opus Dei," Brancoli wrote.

One of the few die-hards who continues to criticize Opus Dei is Kenneth Woodword, author of the 1990 book "Making Saints—How the Catholic Church Determines Who Becomes a Saint, Who Doesn't, and Why".

Woodward, who is also religion editor for Newsweek magazine, wrote recently that Opus Dei's "wealth and influence have silenced most opponents" in the Vatican hierarchy.

"Even its admirers know little about the inner workings of this shadowy Church within the Church," he wrote.

Capucci denies all the accusations with a smile.

"I could give you a list of accusations against us . . . but those who have faith know that the Pope is about to proclaim our founder a saint and that can be a source of inspiration for everyone," he said.

"I think that part of the reason that people criticized and found us difficult to understand is the novelty of our message," he added. *Reuters*

UNDATED picture of the Spanish priest Josemaria Escriva, founder of the Catholic group named Opus Dei, as he blesses a child. REUTERS

Across the NATION

Assistant Editor **Tony Bergonia**

Crisis body reactivated for missing journalists

ZAMBOANGA CITY—The Provincial Crisis Management Committee in Sulu has been reactivated to address the case of the missing crew of television giant GMA-7.

Sulu Gov. Yusop Jikiri chairs the committee which is composed of the military from the 104th Army Brigade, the police, the Department of Social Welfare and Development and officials of Indanan town.

Supt. Arip Baanan, Sulu police chief, said Southern Command chief Lt. Gen. Ernesto Carolina led the meetings on Monday and Tuesday, asking updates on the disappearance of GMA-7 reporter Carlo Lorenzo and cameraman Gilbert Ordiales.

Lorenzo and Ordiales were reported missing since Saturday evening after they entered Barangay Kagay in Indanan town to do a story on the three Indonesian nationals being held by suspected Abu Sayyaf bandits for more than three months now.

Carolina said the military was doing its best to locate Lorenzo and Ordiales. "On a scale of one to ten, we are on the sixth for these past few days, but we cannot give details."

But the military in Sulu admitted that it was facing a blank wall on the disappearance of the television crew as no one had claimed responsibility for the alleged kidnapping.

Baanan earlier implicated Hadja Jurma Abdurajak Imran alias Hadja Leng and Arola Abubakar, who served as the television crew's guides to the area.

But the military has cleared Imran and Abubakar from involvement in the disappearance of the television crew.

Libel case

In Roxas City, a Regional Trial Court judge dismissed on Thursday the P2.4-million libel cases filed against an INQUIRER correspondent and two others.

The complainant, a town mayor, executed an affidavit of desistance saying he was no longer interested in pursuing the cases.

RTC Judge Juliana Azarraga of Branch 15 here dismissed the two libel cases against former Capiz board member Alfonso Bediones, INQUIRER correspondent Gerry T. Pagharion and The Capiz Times reporter Edward Basilonia.

Azarraga said the guilt of the accused could no longer be proven beyond reasonable doubt without the testimony and cooperation of the complainant, Mayor Felipe Barredo of Panay town.

The cases stemmed from reports filed by Pagharion and Basilonia and published in their respective papers on July 2000. The reports quoted Bediones, then a board member of Capiz, as alluding to Barredo as the one behind the proliferation of illegal gambling in Panay.

Bediones made the allegation in his privilege speech during the July 8, 2000 session of the board.

Azarraga dismissed the cases after Capiz assistant prosecutor Edwin Devano presented a motion to dismiss based on the Sept. 10, 2002 affidavit of desistance executed by Barredo.

In his affidavit of desistance, Barredo stated, among others, that he dropped the case for humanitarian reason after he learned that Bediones is suffering from a serious ailment and is undergoing chemotherapy.

Barredo added he also realized that the news reports of Pagharion and Basilonia came about only due to the privilege speech of Bediones and may have in good faith named him as the person insinuated in the privilege speech due to the political scenario then.

The mayor then claimed that Bediones was clearly dictated by his contempt against him when the mayor allegedly berated and chastised his son, Dennis Bediones, then municipal planning officer of Panay, on May 2, 2000. The younger Bediones has since then resigned.

Bediones, who was represented by lawyer Alberto Deslate, was not present when Judge Azarraga dismissed the cases against him and the two reporters. Only Pagharion and Basilonia were present.

Pagharion and Basilonia said they were thankful to the mayor for not asking from them any condition, like an apology, for dropping the case. *Julie S. Alipala, PDI Mindanao Bureau and PDI Visayas Bureau*

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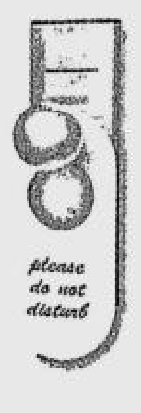

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Slain Lopez police chief laid to rest

ATIMONAN, Quezon—Uniformed municipal police chiefs escorted the hearse carrying the coffin of slain police chief Supt. Cesar Santander, of Lopez, Quezon, who was buried in a private cemetery here yesterday noon.

Around 1,000 relatives, friends, fellow police officers and townmates attended the burial.

Also present amid tight security were all top regional police officials led by their director, Chief Supt. Enrique Galang Jr.

During the necrological rites held at the town hall, Nestor Santander, younger brother of the slain policeman and town councilor, called for an end to the armed conflict that continues to waste lives.

"We all ask you to join the Santander family in our prayers that hopefully, my brother would be the last victim," the young Santander said in response to the tributes to the slain cop.

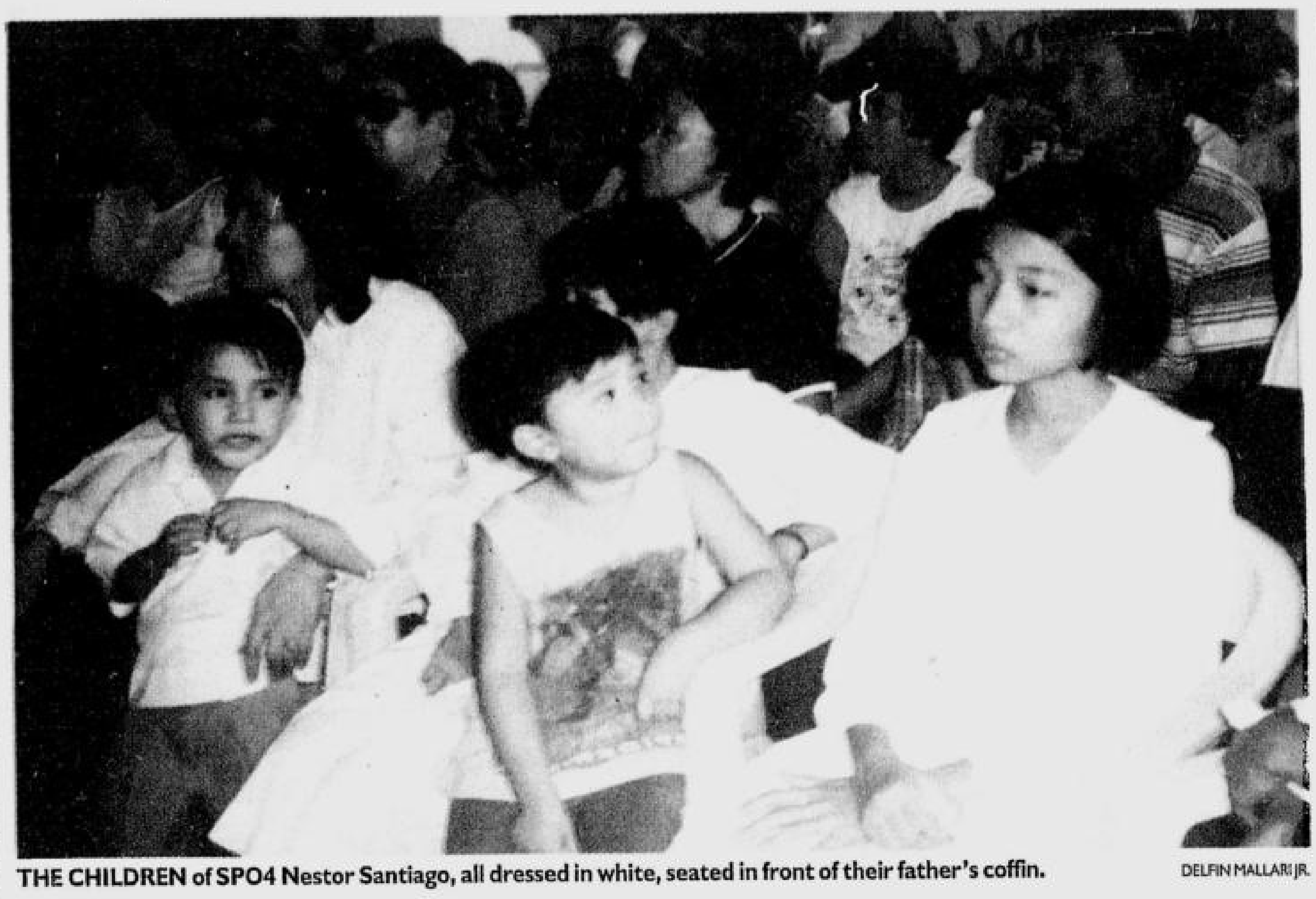
The Santander clan is a respected family in this town, which also happens to be the hometown of Melito Glor, the University of the Philippines student activist-turned-New People's Army rebel.

Rosemarie, Santander's widow, was seen staring at the coffin, surrounded by her three children. Her eldest daughter Cherry Rose cried unabashedly at the back.

Lopez Mayor Sonny Ubana and the local government donated P50,000 to the family.

Galang conveyed the sympathies of President Macapagal-Arroyo and First Gentleman Mike Arroyo.

He said Malacañang had also extended support to the widow of the other slain policeman, PO4 Nestor Santiago.



THE CHILDREN of SPO4 Nestor Santiago, all dressed in white, seated in front of their father's coffin. DELFIN MALLARI JR.

NPA guerrillas, some of them dressed in *barong Tagalog* and sporting National Bureau of Investigation identification cards, raided the Lopez police station on Friday and caught at least seven policement by surprise.

The rebels killed Santander and his junior officer, Santiago, and took a still undetermined number of weapons from the station's armory.

A female voice at the other end of her husband's cell phone taken by the raiders told Santander's widow that the death of her husband was not intentional.

In an earlier interview with the INQUIRER, the widow said the caller told her that Santander fought gallantly and was killed.

Ubana disclosed that based on his latest report from several witnesses, "it seems that the rebels wanted to take Superintendent Santander hostage, but he put up a fight (so) he was shot."

Gregorio "Ka Roger" Rosal, spokesperson of the Communist Party of the Philippines, said it was possible that the NPA did not really intend to kill Santander.

Rosal also laughed off the indignation rallies denouncing NPA atrocities which were held here yesterday and in Lopez town on Monday.

"Only the policemen and the military or their paid civilians will join them here. Atimonan and Lopez towns are part of our mass base," Rosal boasted.*Delfin Mallari Jr., PDI Southern Luzon Bureau*

50 workers barricade road to PNOC site

By Carla P. Gomez
PDI Visayas Bureau

BACOLOD CITY—About 50 workers demanding to be permanently hired by Philippine National Oil Co.-Energy Development Corp. have barricaded the road leading to the geothermal drilling operations of the firm in the hinterland village of Mailum in Bago City, 21.5 kilometers south of here.

Cris Caunga, chair of the United Workers Association, said they would maintain the picket line as a bargaining chip until the PNOC-EDC gives in to their demand.

Debbie Diokno, spokesperson of PNOC-EDC, confirmed that the protestors had blocked the road, preventing the delivery of supplies to the drilling site. When supplies like gasoline run out, she said, work would have to stop.

PNOC-EDC is drilling geothermal power for a 40-megawatt power plant set to be operational in 2004. The activity is under PNOC-EDC's Northern Negros Geothermal Project (NNDP).

PNOC-EDC's contract with Janitorial Placement Agency (JPA), which hired the 50 protesting contractual workers, ended yesterday.

Rehiring

A PNOC-EDC statement yesterday said it has requested its new manpower service contractor, Homeland Services, to rehire the 50 JPA workers to ensure the continuous employment of residents of Mailum, about 50 km from Bago City proper.

The protesting workers are all residents of the village and belong to the Mailum United Farmers Association.

Albert Garcia, president of the association, said his group was demanding that the workers be permanently hired by PNOC-EDC. "We are negotiating for job security," he said.

They will not lift their picket until their demand is acted upon by PNOC-EDC officials in Manila, he warned.

Yesterday, however, Homeland Services began providing personnel for the NNGP until the end of the year. Homeland will provide bull gang aides, cutting crew, kitchen and mess hall personnel, laundry utility workers, cleaning and other utility personnel, according to NNGP manager Rey Gomez.

Gomez said they would have preferred to have Mailum residents working on the project since some of them have been working for NNGP since 1992 and had performed well.

No renewal

The PNOC-EDC said it decided not to renew the contract of JPA because of its "poor labor practices."

"It is unfortunate that JPA started to be remiss in their obligations as an employer and we understand its personnel were not getting the benefits due them. We felt it was our duty to help these residents," PNOC-EDC said.

Bulacan mayor, 12 others suspended

SAN JOSE DEL MONTE CITY—The Department of Interior and Local Government suspended the mayor and 12 other employees here in connection with a graft case filed against them before the Sandiganbayan in 1997.

DILG Undersecretary Marius Corpuz signed the 90-day suspension order against Mayor Eduardo Roquero and the 12 other employees on Sept. 16, but it was implemented only on Sept. 25.

Vice Mayor Perlita de los Santos assumed Roquero's post after she was sworn in by Executive Judge Oscar Herrera of the regional trial court in Malolos on Thursday last week.

Despite the suspension, Roquero attended the regular flag-raising ceremony at City Hall here on Monday.

De los Santos said Roquero continued to report to his office at the City Hall after the suspension was signed. She said the mayor was also accepting visitors in his extension office in Barangay Sapang Palay here.

But De los Santos said Roquero avoided signing documents and making transactions on behalf of the city after the suspension order was implemented.

The charges stemmed from a complaint of Roquero's political rival, former Councilor Igna Aguirre, who claimed that the mayor and the 12 other city employees were behind the alleged "ghost" construction of a waiting shed and basketball court in Barangay Gaya-Gaya here. The projects cost P58,000.

"Why would I steal that small amount? If I really wanted to steal from government coffers, I would have made sure that I got a big amount. I was never involved in any graft case until this one," Roquero said.

He said politics was behind his suspension as it came after the case was filed five years ago.

"That case has been pending with the Sandiganbayan for five years and other cases filed at that time had been dismissed. Why would they suddenly implement the suspension order against me at this time?" he asked.

Also suspended with Roquero were budget officer Ana Sugcang; Arnel Vitug, Manuel Villano Jr. and Danilo Clemente of city's engineering department; accountant Lilia Avancena; Rafael Bijasa, an employee of the general service office; Victorino Gerona, former barangay chair of Gaya-Gaya; treasurer Dominador Rubio; and Enry Santos, the project contractor.

Also charged were Councilor Ricardo de los Santos, a former licensing officer of the city, Councilor Eusebio Aguirre Jr., a former inspector at the mayor's office; and city engineer Norberto Sta. Maria. *Carmela Reyes, PDI Central Luzon Desk*

SC reverses lower court ruling in Ilocos Norte rape-slay case

LAOAG CITY—"No grief surpasses that of a parent whose child lost not only her innocence, but also her life, in the most gruesome of circumstances.

"Finding his missing daughter submerged in a pond—lifeless—and with all the indications of sexual abuse, all courage escaped Estanislao Domingo.

"(Since) Estanislao did not have enough strength to retrieve Elenalyn's body from the filthy pond, the burden fell upon his wife, Alejandra, who immediately noticed her daughter's torn pantsuit and missing underwear and slippers."

Supreme Court Associate Justice Reynato Puno painted this graphic detail of the time the Domingo couple discovered the body of their youngest daughter, Elenalyn Domingo, 8, on July 30, 1996.

But Puno and 11 other justices voted to reverse a lower court decision convicting the man accused in the rape and killing that once sent a chilling effect to most parents here.

The accused, Castor Julian Jr., a family friend of the Domingos, can now walk to freedom after the Supreme Court set aside the conviction handed down by the court here.

The girl's mother told the court in 1999 that her daughter wanted to become a missionary. An honor pupil, Elenalyn graduated second in her class when she was in first grade.

"It was very painful because he raped, killed and even submerged her body in a small pond," Elenalyn's mother said of her daughter's attacker.

Voting to set aside the conviction of Julian were Chief Justice Hilario Davide Jr. and Associate Justices Reynato Puno, Josue Bellosillo, Jose Vitug, Santiago Kapunan, Vicente Mendoza, Artemio Panganiban, Consuelo Ynares-Santiago, Angelina Sandoval-Gutierrez, Antonio Carpio, Ma. Alicia Austria-Martinez and Renato Corona.

The high court promulgated its decision last July. The decision was sent to the lower court here last month.

Judge Perla Querubin sentenced Julian to death in February 2000, four years after the body of Domingo was found from a filthy pond.

Town doctor Diophantos Acob, who examined her body, concluded that Domingo was raped and her neck twisted, causing her instant death.

Querubin based her decision on the testimonies of several witnesses who saw Julian with the victim on the day that she went missing.

The following day, the victim's body was found submerged in a water lily-covered pond near a drainage system of a public school in the village of Estancia in Piddig town, 18 km from here.

The Supreme Court, however, acquitted Julian of the special complex crime of rape with homicide due to reasonable doubt.

"We have scrutinized the records of this case with care and caution, mindful of the grief endured by the Domingo espouses for the loss of their precious child. Perhaps, at this very moment, their wounded emotions have not completely recovered and the memory of Elenalyn's gruesome death still lingers like a restless ghost," said Puno, who penned the Supreme Court decision.

The high court said Julian's conviction hinged merely on circumstantial evidence while no direct evidence was presented to link him with the crime.

It said there was lack of evidence from the time Julian was last seen with Domingo until the discovery of her body the following morning. *Cristina Arzadon, PDI Northern Luzon Bureau*

Ex-cop in Nida Blanca case shot

OZAMIZ CITY—The National Bureau of Investigation in Zamboanga del Norte called on local authorities to tighten security for a former soldier who wanted to help resolve the Nida Blanca murder case.

Lawyer Oscar Tomarong, NBI agent-in-charge based in Dipolog City, made the call after three unidentified armed men tried to kill Meliton Vizcaya on Friday. Vizcaya, who claimed he was first offered to kill the popular actress, was shot at close range while attending a neighbor's wake.

Vizcaya sustained a wound in the lower jaw and is now being treated at an undisclosed hospital.

Tomarong said the incident "is most probably related to his testimony" in the Blanca case.

In November last year, Vizcaya surfaced out to reveal of his aborted deal with a lesbian, whom he met in Manila during a cellphone robbery incident. He said the lesbian offered him P100,000 if he killed Blanca.

Tomarong, after interviewing Vizcaya then, concluded that he "had something to contribute" for the resolution of Blanca's murder.

His account "could be used as a corroborating testimony." Vizcaya himself believed that his revelations are now endangering his life and that of his family.

To help secure the Vizcaya family, peace volunteers have started encamping in front of their home here. *Ryan Rosauro, PDI Mindanao Bureau*

ROUNDUP

3 cops killed

DIPOLOG CITY—Three policemen were killed when a colleague went on a shooting rampage inside Cayatian Hill, home of the 903rd Police Provincial Mobile Group, in Siocon, Zamboanga del Norte, on Sunday. Killed were PO2 Andreo Anadeo, PO3 Rosalino Sta. Teresa and SPO4 Virgilio Rangual. Anadeo allegedly went on a shooting rampage upon learning that his request for leave of absence was denied. Sta. Teresa allegedly fired back at Anadeo moments before he died. *Lullie Micabalo, PDI Mindanao Bureau*

NPA suspect arrested

MARAGONDON, Cavite—A suspected New People's Army rebel was arrested in his mountain lair by a composite team of the local police and special action forces last week. PO1 Julio Riman of the local PNP Investigation Office identified the alleged NPA rebel as Bernardo Vendo, 36. Vendo was nabbed by lawmen in his mountain hideout in Pantihan Dos, Maragondon at 3 a.m., Sept. 28. Police seized from him anti-government documents and a .38 cal. revolver with six live bullets. Police are now readying charges against the suspect in the proper court.

Romulo Ponte, PDI Southern Luzon Bureau

Guard kills robber

LUMBAN, Laguna—The security guard of the Caliraya Hydro Electric Power Plant in Barangay Bagong Silang here shot dead one of the two men who allegedly stole power line cables and wounded another at midnight of Sept. 26. In a report, Insp. Narciso Bautista, municipal police chief, identified the fatality as Henry Garcia of Barangay Bagong Silang and his companion, Jojie Ablaw, of the same barangay, who escaped. Bautista identified the security guard as Richard Altaze of Barangay San Juan, Kalayaan, who is now in police custody. Investigation showed that Altaze was on routine patrol inside the power plant when he spotted Garcia and Ablaw bearing long firearms and trying to enter the compound by scaling over the cyclone wire fence. The guard fired warning shots, but the two pointed their firearms at him, prompting the guard to fire. It was only later when the guard found that he had killed Garcia when the victim's body was found within the vicinity, police said.

Romulo Ponte, PDI Southern Luzon Bureau

Unsolved crime

LEGAZPI CITY—Police are still in the dark over the double-slay case of Australian Augustus Kuhle and his Filipino wife Corazon Padilla on Sept. 14 despite the creation of a task force to speed up the solution of the case. In a press conference on Monday, Bicol police director Chief Supt. Rodolfo Asel Tor admitted that they still did not have a strong lead that would pinpoint the murderers, as there were no witnesses. Police and several family members had to enter the Kuhle residence in Peñaranda Extension, Barangay Bonot on Sept. 14 to find the remains of the couple.

Ronnie Lorejo, PDI Southern Luzon Bureau

New bus terminal

TABACO CITY—The city government here will build an integrated transport terminal in Barangay Pawa next year. Mayor Alex Burce, who has been authorized by the city council to purchase a lot to be used for the purpose, has entered into a contract to buy a 3.6-hectare lot owned by a certain Federico Uy. The lot, a kilometer away from the city proper, will be used as the terminal project site. Burce said the lot cost P27 million. He said the city government has only P20 million for the purpose and that the P7-million balance will be taken from the budget already allotted for the purchase of bulldozers and landfill materials. Bus terminals along Ziga Avenue, a main thoroughfare here, add to the traffic congestion.

Job Belen, PDI Southern Luzon Bureau

Illegal recruiters

NAGA CITY—The Department of Labor and Employment has ordered a company involved in the recruitment of overseas contract workers to stop its activities as it does not have a license to operate. Acting Labor Secretary Manuel Imson said in a memorandum to all DOLE regional offices that First Gift Global Realty Corp., with business address at 943 Sampaguita St., Miramonte Village, Calamba, Laguna, has been recruiting workers in Bicol, Visayas and Southern Tagalog without a license to operate. He said Allan Macaraya, labor director of Central Visayas, has reported that FGGRC had already engaged in recruitment activities in Cebu City on Sept. 9. Imson said FGGRC has been offering applicants monthly salaries ranging from P30,000 to P1 million. The DOLE acting secretary issued the warning after Ricardo Martinez, director for Southern Tagalog, issued on Sept. 3 a cease-and-desist order to FGGRC. Martinez has warned FGGRC to immediately stop its recruitment.

Juan Escandor Jr., PDI Southern Luzon Bureau

Teen pregnancy battle

LEGAZPI CITY—An information drive about unwanted pregnancies among the youth here was launched recently by the Sangguniang Kabataan Federation. Board Member and Albay SK Chair Jisciel Richard Salceda said the campaign aimed to prevent the increasing number of teenage pregnancies and early marriages in Bicol. "To protect young people from health risks, proper sex education will be introduced among the youth through a school hopping drive," he said. Salceda said seminars would be conducted in different schools in Albay.

Ronnie Lorejo, PDI Southern Luzon Bureau

Joson: Casecnan dam no help to rice industry

By Tonette Orejas
PDI Central Luzon Desk

CLARK SPECIAL ECONOMIC ZONE—The government pays the United States-based CalEnergy International P300 million monthly for the operation of the Casecnan Dam, but it was scarcely irrigating Nueva Ecija's ricefields, lamented Gov. Tomas Joson III.

Joson told reporters here Tuesday that the $650-million dam had not been feeding the Pantabangan Dam with the promised 73 million cubic meters of water monthly since it began operating in October last year.

He said CalEnergy committed that volume to irrigate 50,000 hectares of farmland in northern Nueva Ecija. At least 35,000 hectares of these areas have remained rainfed, he noted.

While he did not say that the dam was entirely useless, Joson expressed concern over the huge amount of money the government was paying CalEnergy for a facility that Nueva Ecija was not benefiting from.

"And the national government will have to pay that amount monthly for 20 years," he said, adding that this issue was being investigated now by the Senate.

If and when CalEnergy delivers the committed volume of water, Joson said irrigation services would still not reach farming areas because the project did not include the construction of a network of canals.

This was so because after the project's contract was signed, the local executives were no longer consulted during the planning and implementation stages, he said.

The project, constructed under the government's build-operate-transfer scheme, diverts water from the Casecnan and Taan rivers in Nueva Vizcaya to the Pantabangan Dam in Nueva Ecija through a 26-km tunnel passing through the Caraballo mountains.

The diversion aims to stabilize the supply of water to some 102,000 hectares of farmland and 35,000 hectares of new farms to increase the country's annual rice production by 465,000 tons.

Because the water was scarce, Casecnan's power generators had not been harnessed, Joson said. The power component was supposed to contribute 603 gigawatts to the National Power Corp.'s Luzon grid.

Without Casecnan's support, Joson said, Pantabangan Dam supplies only 35 million cubic meters of water monthly.

According to him, this volume was not enough to sustain some 180,000 hectares of riceland in the province.

He said at least 80 percent of Nueva Ecija's rice production is supplied to its home region, Central Luzon, and to Metro Manila. Farmers cope by relying on deep-well pumps for irrigation.

The Pantabangan Dam, built in 1978 and supposed to last for 50 years, also needs rehabilitation.

Filled with silt from watersheds denuded by illegal logging, the dam is now a "cause for alarm," Joson said.

Senator urges suspension of San Roque dam operations

By Yolanda Sotelo-Fuertes
PDI Northern Luzon Bureau

SAN MANUEL, Pangasinan—Sen. John Osmeña said he would seek the suspension of operations of the San Roque multipurpose dam project's (SRMDP) hydroelectric power plant while the government's review of independent power producers' contracts is ongoing.

Osmeña, chair of the Senate committee on government corporations, said there was no point in opening another IPP-operated power plant while there is clamor for the closure of other IPP plants.

"Many people are calling for the shutting down of power plants because of the onerous IPP contracts and now here is another power plant not operating yet. Why operate it?" he told the INQUIRER.

Osmeña was here on Saturday and met with some 600 residents of San Manuel and San Nicolas towns and of Itogon town in Benguet, who were displaced or affected by the $1.2-billion dam project.

San Roque Power Corp., which owns the plant, plans to start operating the 345-megawatt hydroelectric plant in December.

However, Osmeña said the SRMDP's operation would mean another burden to Filipino consumers who would have to pay the fixed cost of power generation, whether power is used or not, and the actual power used.

He said the project's purchased power agreement (PPA) says that even if the SRMDP's power component is not operated at full capacity, the government must still pay $10 million monthly for 25 years to the SRPC.

The PPA required the government to pay the rate for full power capacity of the SRMDP if the failure to operate is not the company's fault.

The Cordillera Peoples Alliance, which coordinated the meeting with Osmeña, decried the "confidentiality of the PPA (whose) legal and financial deficiencies (are) disadvantageous to the Filipino people."

"The SRPC stands to gain huge profits without hydrological risk and obligation to adverse impacts of the project. The government and the people (are) burdened with higher cost of electricity, huge payment to dam operation and (will) shoulder all adverse impacts of the project," the CPA said in a paper submitted to Osmeña.

The CPA also questioned the 100-percent foreign ownership of the SRPC, which, it said, violates the investment code that allows only 60-percent foreign ownership of investments in the Philippines.

The SRPC is a special purpose company incorporated in the Philippines in 1997. Its corporate stakeholders are Sithe Philippine Holdings, an indirect subsidiary of Sithe Energies Inc. of the US, Marubeni Corp. of Japan and KPIC Singapore Pte. Ltd. (Kansai) of Japan.

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Behind Chinese poaching: Spratlys row

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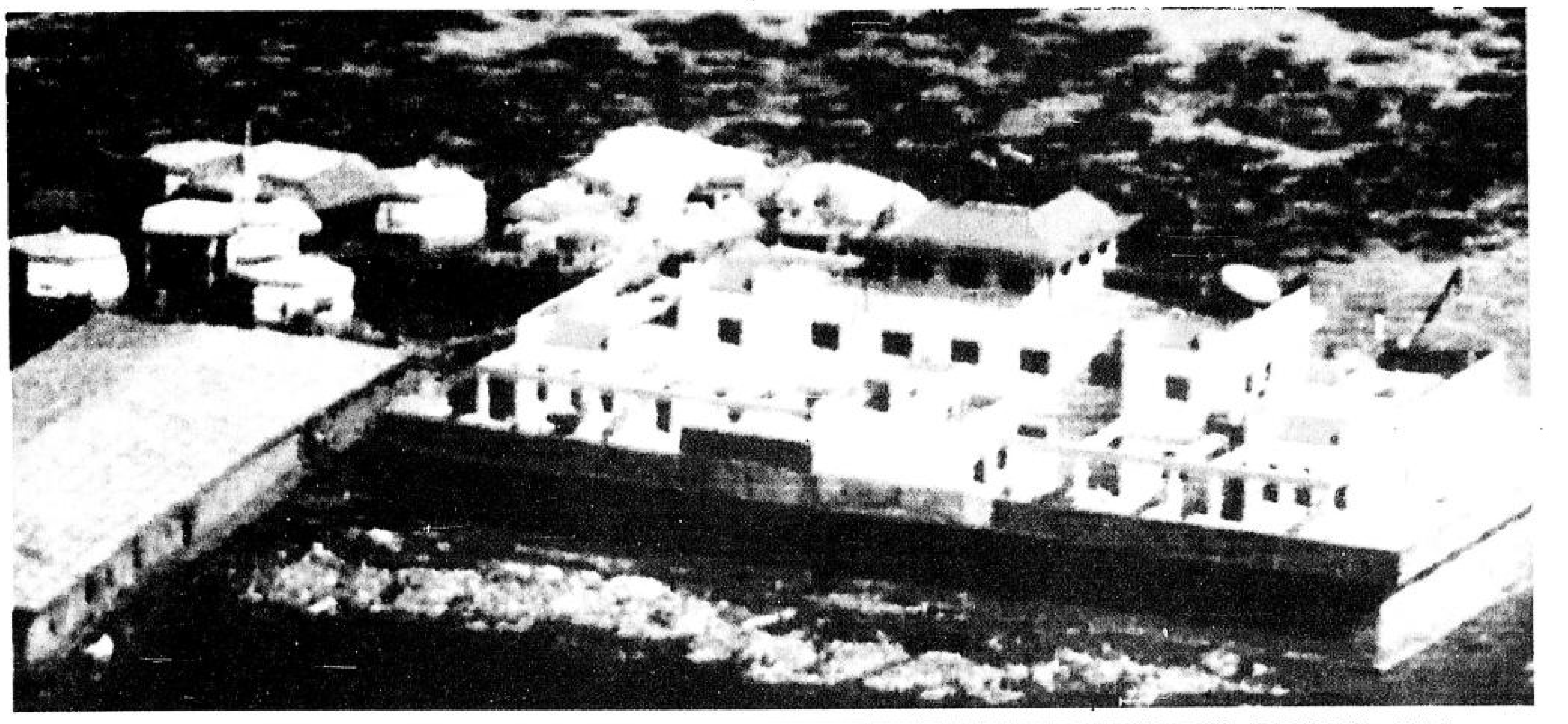

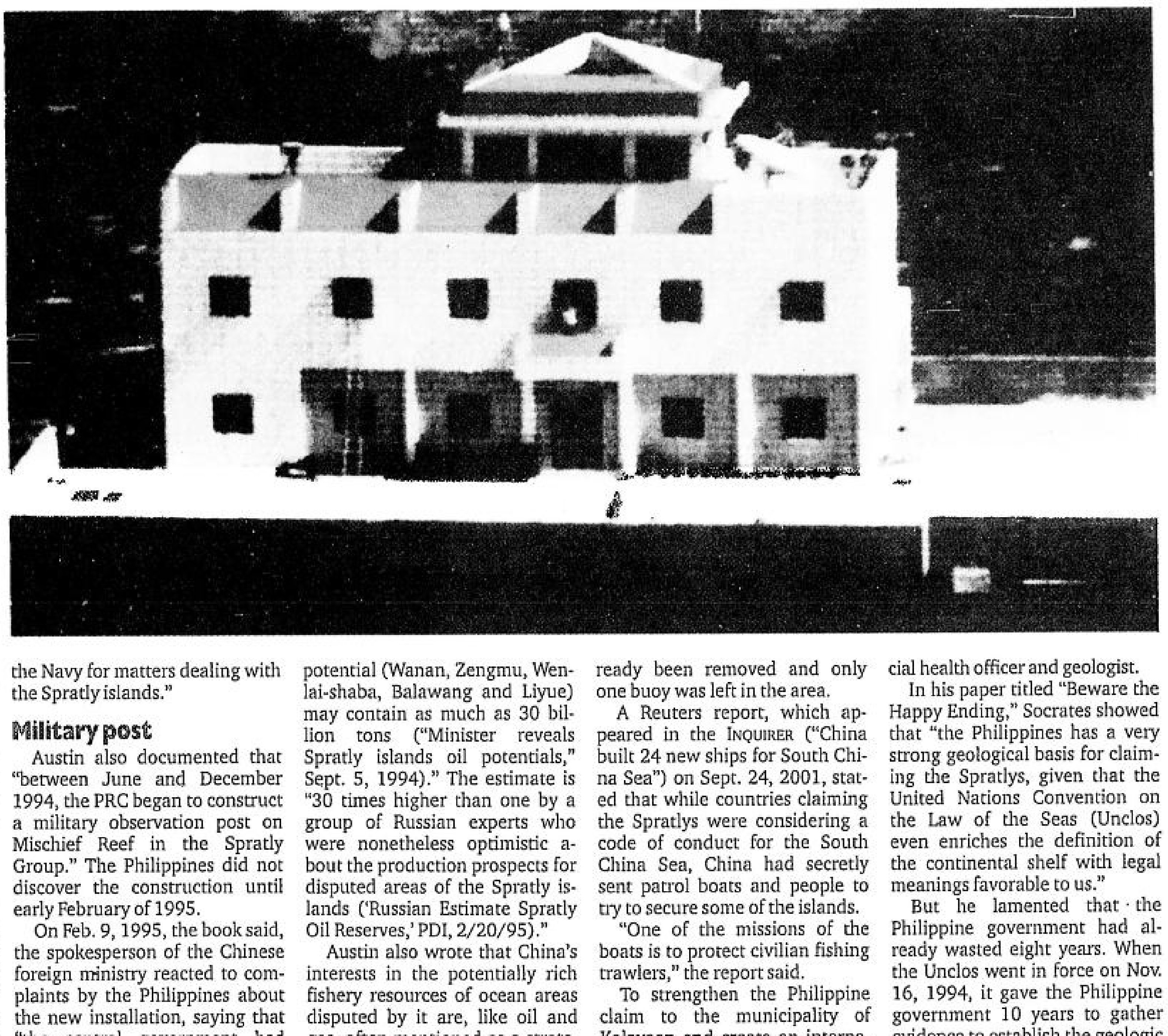

ACCORDING to Maj. Gen. Manuel L. Carranza, chief of the Western Command and chair of the Provincial Committee on Illegal Entrants, there are now four fortified Chinese structures in the Mischief Reef, like those shown in these photos. PHOTOS COURTESY OF WESCOM

CHINA and the Philippines are committed to resolve the territorial dispute in the South China Sea through peaceful consultations, with the aim of turning the area into "waters of peace and cooperation," the defense chiefs of both countries were reported to have said on Sunday.

Chinese Defense Minister Chi Haotian, who was here last week for a visit, said he supported a mechanism to resolve the conflicting claims by China, the Philippines, Brunei, Vietnam, Taiwan and Malaysia to certain islands in the rich marine area.

On the other hand, Defense Secretary Angelo Reyes said China was willing to participate in the drafting of a "code of conduct" for the claimants in order to ease tension over the Spratly island group. The code was first proposed by the Philippines, but unfortunately, it has been held up by disagreements over the wording and the area it will cover.

The latest declaration by the two countries was welcomed by many people in light of the perceived threat to Philippine sovereignty and the implications of repeated Chinese intrusions in Palawan waters on China's claim to the Spratlys or what to the Philippines is the Kalayaan Island Group (KIG).

These concerns were articulated during the public hearings conducted in Palawan by the House committee on foreign affairs, chaired by Negros Occidental Rep. Jose Apolinario L. Lozada, on March 2 and May 3.

The formal inquiries were an offshoot of a privilege speech delivered by Palawan Rep. Abraham Mitra in Congress, denouncing "the continuous intrusion of Chinese fishermen in our national territory, particularly the waters surrounding Palawan," after the apprehension of 116 Chinese fishermen in February.

Mitra had noted that the incursions of Chinese fishing vessels "have become part of day-to-day sightings in the Philippines' western high seas."

Chinese gambit

Even before Lozada could air the implications of the repeated intrusions on China's claim to the Spratlys, China's interest in the area has been exhaustively documented in Greg Austin's book, "China's Ocean Frontiers." The comprehensive study, published by the Department of International Relations of the Australian National University in 1998, revealed that "the pattern of events between 1988 and the end of 1994 was characterized by a new PRC (People's Republic of China) assertiveness, totally consistent with its decision to occupy features in the Spratly group in 1988."

It noted that after the Philippines arrested seven Chinese fishermen from Hainan near the Pag-asa Island (Thitu) in March 1992, "the PRC had made another determined gambit in the South China Sea when it erected a sovereignty marker on Johnson Patch in the Rifleman Bank of the Spratly group, the first occupation by it since 1988."

"By July 1988, the PRC had completed its construction work on Fiery Cross Reef. The base had a meteorological station, a helipad, a 300-meter pier capable of handling 4,000-ton ships, and an anchorage for several frigate-sized ships," the book said.

"In January 1989, the (Chinese) Navy held a conference on the Spratly group. In February, a delegation of the three general departments (General Staff, General Political Department, and the General Logistics Department) of the PLA (People's Liberation Army of China) and naval departments visited the Spratly group. In March 1989, a special command was established within the Navy for matters dealing with the Spratly islands."

Military post

Austin also documented that "between June and December 1994, the PRC began to construct a military observation post on Mischief Reef in the Spratly Group." The Philippines did not discover the construction until early February of 1995.

On Feb. 9, 1995, the book said, the spokesperson of the Chinese foreign ministry reacted to complaints by the Philippines about the new installation, saying that "the central government had learned from local fishing administrative departments that they set up facilities (on Mischief Reef) to provide shelter for the security and lifestyles and the catches of Chinese fishermen who work around the Spratly islands."

The spokesperson reportedly denied that China had set up a military base there.

Austin noted that a press report in August 1994 suggested that PLA leaders were putting pressure on the political leadership to increase funding for troops deployed at the Spratly group. The PLA leaders were reportedly irritated that China was lagging behind Vietnam in the number of "symbolic" garrisons on the Spratlys, he said.

Austin, however, noted "the notion that the move onto Mischief Reef in late 1994 was the first military gambit against the Philippines, or at its expense, is difficult to comprehend. It is based on the mistaken notion that 'China's occupation of islets and atolls in the Spratlys since 1988 has all been at Vietnam's expense.' All occupations by the PRC in the Spratly area have been of islands within the Philippines' Kalayaan claim."

Ocean frontier

In his book, Austin questioned the claims of some official Chinese sources that "the five major basins in the Spratly area of the South China Sea with oil and gas potential (Wanan, Zengmu, Wenlai-shaba, Balawang and Liyue) may contain as much as 30 billion tons ("Minister reveals Spratly islands oil potentials," Sept. 5, 1994)." The estimate is "30 times higher than one by a group of Russian experts who were nonetheless optimistic about the production prospects for disputed areas of the Spratly islands ('Russian Estimate Spratly Oil Reserves,' PDI, 2/20/95)."

Austin also wrote that China's interests in the potentially rich fishery resources of ocean areas disputed by it are, like oil and gas, often mentioned as a strategic underpinning of its policy toward the disputes.

"It would clearly be advantageous for the PRC to acquire exclusive rights to large tracts of sea and thereby gain a windfall endowment of additional fish stocks," he said.

He added that plans for the development of the new Hainan province paid considerable attention to fisheries resources in the South China Sea. As of 1992, the plans included the building of supply bases, Austin said.

In February, 1992, the National People's Congress passed its "Law on the Territorial Waters and Contiguous Areas of the People's Republic of China." It included the Kalayaan Islands as part of China's national territory.

Concrete structures

Maj. Gen. Manuel L. Carranza, chief of the Western Command (Wescom) and chair of the Provincial Committee on Illegal Entrants, disclosed that he saw four concrete structures in Mischief Reef when he flew over the Kalayaan Islands in June. Only one fortified structure was found there in 1995 when the Wescom discovered the Chinese structures.

Carranza added that the Navy recently discovered several Chinese markers on the Ayugin Shoal. After Navy authorities sought approval from the national leadership to blast the markers, they found that these had already been removed and only one buoy was left in the area.

A Reuters report, which appeared in the INQUIRER ("China built 24 new ships for South China Sea") on Sept. 24, 2001, stated that while countries claiming the Spratlys were considering a code of conduct for the South China Sea, China had secretly sent patrol boats and people to try to secure some of the islands.

"One of the missions of the boats is to protect civilian fishing trawlers," the report said.

To strengthen the Philippine claim to the municipality of Kalayaan and create an international biodiversity conservation program in cooperation with the University of the Philippines, a proposal was made during the Estrada administration. But then President Joseph Estrada failed to act on it.

The Kalayaan proposal was based on studies that "the surrounding waters of the Kalayaan are well-known for having the highest coral-building genera and marine taxa worldwide. There is a continuing growth of island-forming coral reef, making the Kalayaan Island Group area a rich biosphere of marine life. It sustains the stocks of fish supply in the overexploited fishing grounds of littoral states of Taiwan, China, Vietnam, Malaysia and the Philippines."

A study on the fisheries potential of the Kalayaan islands that was conducted by the University of the Philippines Marine Science Institute revealed that "the annual fisheries yield of the Kalayaan reef ranges from 78 to 105 metric tons per sqm.

"The annual income that can be derived from this region . . . could be as much as $47 million to $105 million," it added.

Claim

That the eastern border of the map drawn by China in support of its claim to the Spratlys/Kalayaan just skirts off the western coast of Palawan is disturbing not only to Palaweños but also to all Filipinos, said Dr. Antonio Socrates, provincial health officer and geologist.

In his paper titled "Beware the Happy Ending," Socrates showed that "the Philippines has a very strong geological basis for claiming the Spratlys, given that the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Seas (Unclos) even enriches the definition of the continental shelf with legal meanings favorable to us."

But he lamented that the Philippine government had already wasted eight years. When the Unclos went in force on Nov. 16, 1994, it gave the Philippine government 10 years to gather evidence to establish the geologic basis for its claim to the Kalayaan.

Socrates is worried that "with barely two years to go, the national agencies tasked with gathering such data have barely started."

The efforts of the National Mapping and Resource Information Authority (Namria) to map the Kalayaan area "was hampered by a long-standing directive forbidding the gathering of evidence beyond west where the Chinese are in Mischief Reef," he said.

The white paper allegedly shared by the Department of Foreign Affairs and the Department of National Defense "marked the 116 degrees longitude as a 'trip wire' not to be transgressed."

Socrates also warned that "all countries claiming an extended continental shelf are required by Unclos to submit maps of specific points on the ocean floor that will demonstrate that the continental shelf in question indeed extends beyond the automatic 200-nautical-mile Exclusive Economic Zone (EEZ) before November 16, 2004."

He noted that the oil wealth of the Philippines is off the shores of mainland Palawan.

Oil-rich

"Palawan is at the center of the Department of Energy-declared 'corridor of concentration' for the exploration of petroleum," Socrates said. Mischief Reef, where China has built a permanent base, is near the supposedly oil-rich Reed Bank.

Since the early 1980s, Socrates said, it has been geologically established that the northern half of Palawan is a "micro-continent that broke off from the southeastern rim of the Eurasian (Europe and Asia combined) continent 30 million years ago and drifted to where it is now. The separation of the 'North Palawan Continental Terrane' from Eurasia created the South China Sea."

Thus, the Spratly islands are standing on the continental shelf of northern Palawan under that sea.

"Since the Malampaya/Camago Oil Field lies on the continental shelf of Palawan, we can prove that the Spratly islands are on that continental shelf, too," said Socrates. "All the offshore oil resources in the world's oceans are on the continental shelf."

The area used to be coastal plains a few million years ago, which were submerged when the world became warmer after the Ice Age.

On Oct. 17, 2001, Shell Philippines Exploration reportedly made the first delivery of natural gas to the 1,000-megawatt Sta. Rita power plant in Batangas from the Malampaya-Camago gas wells in Palawan.

But unknown to many, the country stands to lose much more because of government complacency in strengthening its claim to the petroleum-rich Kalayaan municipality in Palawan.

While China has been persistent in claiming the Spratlys and has surveyed its continental shelf, the Philippine government has muddled the diplomatic issues concerning the Kalayaan with the technical activities necessary for defining the legal and geologic boundaries of western Palawan.

Since March 2001, Socrates has been giving lectures and writing on the need to define the western boundary of Palawan. But his call for strengthening the Philippines' claim to the Kalayaan has been largely ignored by national leaders.

Exasperated over the national government's indifference to the urgency of defining the western boundary of the Philippines, Socrates wrote: "We should just waste our time and efforts on political bickering and nauseating election campaigns while the Chinese, who have been diligent on their Unclos homework, simply wait for the year 2004. Then, through our own fault, the Unclos will oblige us to relinquish our claims, not only to the Spratly islands but to whatever more they may desire, and the Chinese will be very happy, with us in the end."

Gokongwei hangs up on PLDT deal

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the letter.

Pe also referred to "the open resistance of the current management of both PLDT" and Bonifacio Land to the deal.

In separate statements, PLDT and Metro Pacific merely acknowledged the Gokongwei group's decision to scuttle the deal.

"It's a temporary victory for the PLDT board. But if you look at it from the perspective of First Pacific, they still have compelling reasons to sell their stake in PLDT. They've lost so much and apart from that, they have a huge debt," said Asiasec Equities stocks analyst Jeanette Yu Tan.

"But don't expect the PLDT share price to recover yet," Yu Tan said, noting that the price had fallen in recent months as the company resisted takeover.

"There will still be an overhang, since First Pacific is on the lookout for buyers. There will be another threat of a takeover," Yu Tan said.

Management resistance to a second sale attempt would further damage PLDT's share price, analysts said.

Analysts expect PLDT will now draw interest from other bidders. The 24.4-percent stake with a 31.6-percent voting interest was worth $223 million on Wednesday, based on share market trading.

Shares suffer

But a source privy to discussions said First Pacific might hold off from any planned sale given the battered share prices of PLDT and Metro Pacific.

"First Pacific is having an internal debate as to whether any sale, of either PLDT or Boni Land stake, should be effected at this time," the source said.

Metro Pacific spokesperson David Nugent said there was no official notice yet from First Pacific on its next plan.

PLDT's share prices have dropped by about nearly 40 percent since the June agreement between the Gokongwei group and First Pacific.

PLDT closed P2.50 lower to its year-low of P277.50 while Metro Pacific was down one centavo at 26 centavos on Wednesday. First Pacific was down 6.9 percent at HK$0.81.

"It (Gokongwei group's decision) leaves First Pacific in a difficult position now, financially. They have no flexibility unless they can monetise some of their investments. Clearly, this will be a big blow for them," Robert Sassoon of SG Securities in Hong Kong said.

"People will be disappointed that the management didn't achieve its goal. First Pacific is being hamstrung financially in terms of pro-active investment."

Digital Telecommunications Inc. (Digitel), the Gokongwei's phone unit, was the worst hit, falling as much as 12 percent before closing 8 percent lower at 46 centavos. The Gokongweis' flagship, J.G. Summit Holdings Inc., closed 3.03 percent higher at P1.36.

"We expect some pressure on Digitel since the market expectation was it would have become stronger after the acquisition (of PLDT). Now they will always remain second fiddle to PLDT," AB Capital economic analyst Jose Vistan said.

GOKONGWEI: Deal is off the hook.

The PLDT management had filed a lawsuit charging the conditions of the agreement had not been disclosed and claimed the company's by-laws barred representatives of the Gokongwei group from sitting on the board.

Even though the deal fell through, a source in the Gokongwei group said it was still keeping its options open.

Ayala offer

"Right now, everything is open. We could still go for PLDT or Bonifacio Land, or we could go for both. We're just keeping everything open. We've always been a willing buyer. First Pacific is the one that is not ready to sell," the source said.

After the Gokongweis backed out, market traders speculated that First Pacific might consider a deal with the Philippines' oldest conglomerate, Ayala Corp., for the sale of Metro Pacific's Boni Land.

Ayala Corp. president Jaime Augusto Zobel de Ayala has confirmed that a consortium involving its property unit, Ayala Land Inc., and local businessman Jose Campos were in talks for a possible takeover of Bonifacio Land, which is developing a 150-hectare residential and commercial property zone at Fort Bonifacio, which is adjacent to the Makati financial district.

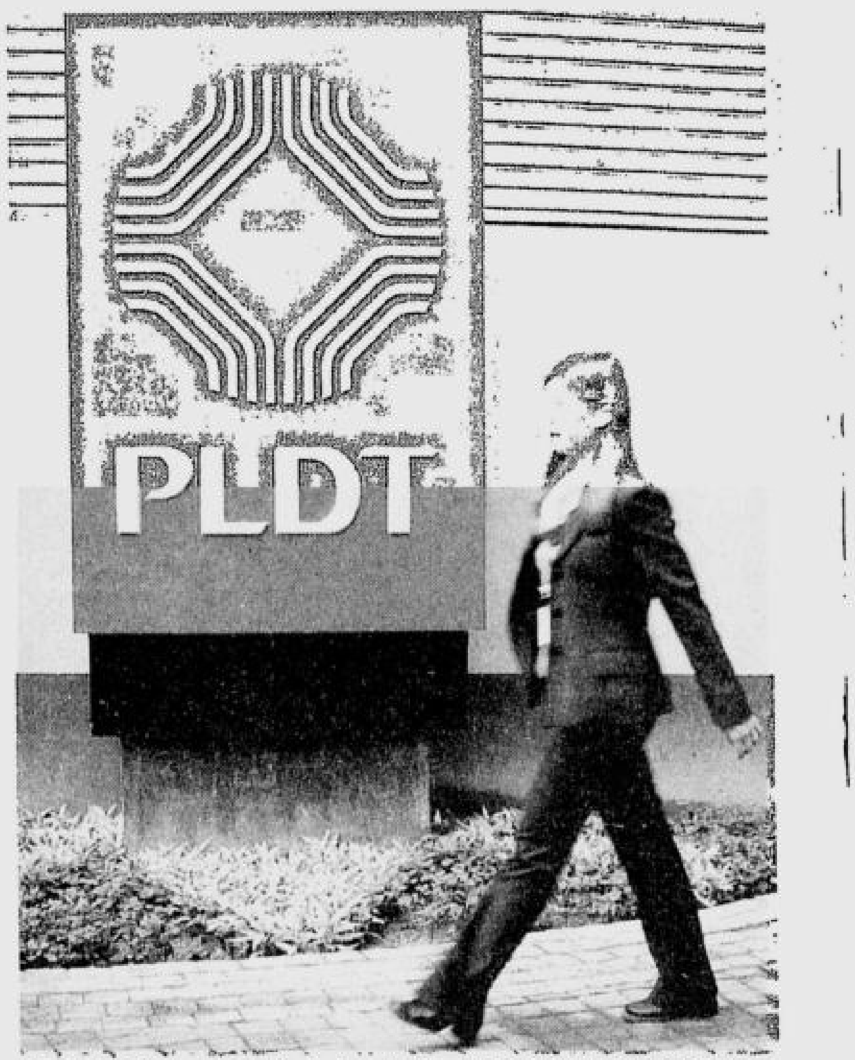
But Ayala Land said on Wednesday that it had not forged an agreement yet for the sale of Metro Pacific's assets, including a stake in Bonifacio Land Corp.

A person familiar with the matter said First Pacific had ruled out the likelihood of a management buyout led by Pangilinan, its executive chair.

"Manuel Pangilinan is not allowed to broker. A management buyout is now out of the question," the source said.

Other sources said Pangilinan's alliance with PLDT chair Antonio Cojuangco had broken down, and that the two were "no longer in speaking terms."

Pangilinan and Cojuangco were reported earlier to have joined forces to block Gokongwei's entry into PLDT by presenting First Pacific with a counter-offer. *With reports from Abigail L. Ho, Reuters and AFP*


AN OFFICE worker walks in front of the PLDT building in Makati following the announcement that local tycoon John Gokongwei has pulled out of his bid to acquire a controlling stake in PLDT. AFP

Henry Sy's daughter . . .

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The magazine described Coson as someone who "knows her way around a stock exchange."

"This year she took public the Banco de Oro, which she chairs, in a Manila stock offering that raised $40 million. Now she's planning to bring to the market the country's biggest retailer, SM (Shoemart), of which she is president. In between breaks at the bourse, she got President Gloria (Macapagal) Arroyo to approve plans to build the country's biggest mall," Fortune said.

No trappings of wealth

In a 1996 Inquirer interview, Coson said she and her siblings were raised without the trappings of wealth. She said they were required to put in work at Shoemart stores when they were in college. Coson had to start as a cashier in an SM store.

During that interview, Coson said that it was only after they were exposed to the business that their father's wealth dawned upon them. Like her four younger siblings, Coson does not enjoy the limelight.

In compiling this year's list, Fortune required that the women have operating responsibility in their respective companies. Those who merely exercise shareholder power were not included. The rules were consistently applied and did not restrict variety—the list includes women who not only run major companies or divisions, or hold positions at or near the top, but also covers those with less conventional power bases such as the fashion business and international events.

Four Asian women were ranked in the top 10—including Mary Ma, CFO of China's Legend Group Holdings at fifth place, followed by Ho Ching, executive director of Singapore-based Temasek Holdings, Lien Siaou-Sze, senior vice president of Hewlett-Packard Services Asia-Pacific (Singapore) in eighth place and Eiko Kono, president of Recruit (Japan) in 10th place.

In order, Fortune's top 10 women in international business are: Marjorie Scardino, CEO, Pearson (Britain); Belinda Stronach, CEO and president, Magna International (Canada); Anne Lauvergeon, executive chair, Areva (France); Patricia Barbizet, chief executive, Artémis (France); Mary Ma; Ho Ching; Maureen K. Darkes, group VP, General Motors (US); Len Siaou-Sze; Marina Berlusconi, vice chair, Fininvest (Italy); and Eiko Kono.

Other Asians on the list include: Xie Qihua, vice chair and president of Shanghai Baosteel Group (No. 18); Nita Ing, chair of Taiwan High-Speed Railway Corp. (23); Juliet Wu Shihong, vice president of China's TCL Holdings, (24); and Chua Sock Koon, CFO of Singapore Telecommunication (25).

Pansy Ho, managing director of Shun Tak Holdings in Hong Kong was in 31st place, while Nina Wang, chair of Chinachem (Hong Kong) came in at 35 followed by Marjorie Yang, chair and CEO of Hong Kong's Esquel Group.

Vidya Chabria, chair of Jumbo Group of India took 44th place, while Naina Lal Kidwai, executive vice chair and CEO of HSBC Securities and Capital Markets in India was listed as the 50th most influential woman.

Discrimination remains

Fortune, however, noted that its list did not really indicate that discrimination was less of a concern or could be overcome anywhere.

"Female corporate power is still spread unevenly across the business world. Why, for example, do Hong Kong and Singapore, whose combined population is less than 10 million, feature more women on the list than Japan, which is 12 times bigger? And why couldn't a South Korean woman of sufficient clout be found?" it said.

"Many cultural, social and logistical issues conspire against women's development in business—from stereotyping to maternity leaves. In Japan and Korea, big companies haven't been flexible enough to make room for new kinds of management, including women," it added.

SC revives ₱9.6-B graft case vs JPE, Danding

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The complaint alleged that the respondents conspired with the late strongman Ferdinand Marcos in "willfully and unlawfully" misappropriating huge amounts of the coconut levy funds "in connection with the acquisition of 16 oil mills only to be mothballed and assume the defaulted obligations of seven of the said mills in order to establish a monopoly."

To effect the deal, the complaint said that the respondents acted in their official capacity as members of the governing board of the Philippine Coconut Authority (PCA), a government agency under the Office of the President, being subordinates and close associates of Marcos, and also as members of the Board of Directors of both the United Coconut Planters Bank (UCPB) and United Coconut Oil Mills Inc. (Unicom).

The complaint said that Enrile et al. took advantage of their public office and close association with Marcos "in utter neglect of their fiduciary responsibilities and with intent to gain."

The respondents allegedly spent a total of P9.6 billion worth of coco levy funds in 1979 to buy the oil mills.

Because the high court had prohibited the PCGG from conducting preliminary investigation on the anti-graft and corrupt cases, PCGG officials transmitted the case to the Ombudsman's Office for appropriate action.

Dismissal

However, Amante issued a resolution in 1997 recommending the dismissal of the case on the ground that "there is no sufficient evidence to engender a well-founded belief that violation of the Anti-Graft Law was committed and that respondents are probably guilty thereof."

ENRILE

COJUANGCO

Amante ruled that based on documents submitted to the Ombudsman, the acquisition by Unicom of the 16 oil mills was done in accordance with a government-declared policy embodied in Presidential Decree No. 961.

Amante said that PD 961 was a valid law "which has not been declared unconstitutional." He stressed that the allegation that respondents induced the late President to issue the decrees and LOIs to institute monopoly in the coconut industry, and the allegation of undue injury to the government or the coconut farmers were "not substantiated by any evidence on record."

Based on Amante's recommendation, then Ombudsman Aniano Desierto approved the dismissal of the case on July 4, 1997, and denied PCGG's motion for reconsideration on Sept. 18, 1997.

3 grounds

Unable to secure a favorable ruling from the Ombudsman, the PCGG elevated the case to the high court in January 1998 based on three grounds.

- Enrile et al. conveniently made use of PD 961 "to carry out their grand design to establish a coconut monopoly to the detriment of the poor coconut farmers."
- There is no legal basis for the contention that the acts of respondents of establishing the coconut monopoly had already been decriminalized.
- The allegations in the complaint are deemed admitted, respondents having failed to submit their counter-affidavit.

In their comment, Enrile et al. contended that the petition was defective because PCGG was not authorized to file the petition, and that it was filed out of time. They also said that there was no cause of action against them because the offense had prescribed, among other reasons.

In its ruling, the SC said that the petition must be granted because even though the PCGG had no authority to file the petition, "its unauthorized filing was ratified, and the defect was cured, when the Office of the Solicitor General signed as co-counsel for the Republic in its consolidated reply."

As to respondents' contention that the petition with the high court was filed "out of time," the court cited its ruling in Republic of the Philippines vs. Desierto et al. (Orosa case).

In the Orosa ruling, the high court noted that although the petition was filed beyond the 60-day reglementary period for filing a petition for certiorari, the high court had amended the rules "to the effect that the running 60-day period shall be reckoned from notice of the denial of the motion for reconsideration."

The amended rules took effect on Sept. 1, 2000.

"The said amendment should be applied retroactively, and therefore, the petition should be considered as timely filed," said the SC.

Not prescribed

As to whether the graft violations had already prescribed, the SC said that the 10-year prescriptive period for violations of RA 3019 "is governed by Section 2 of Act No. 3326, i.e., it shall commence to run on the day the offense was committed, if known; if the time of the commission is unknown, it shall run from discovery and institution of criminal proceedings for its investigation and punishment."

"Applying the foregoing ruling to the present case, the complaint filed on March 2, 1990 was therefore filed within the 10-year prescriptive period," ruled the Supreme Court.

Guarding Erap: Who'll foot bill?

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curred by policemen while securing indicted former President Joseph Estrada at the Veterans Memorial Medical Center in Quezon City.

While he "commiserates" with the VMMC management's financial woes, a police official in charge of Estrada's overall security yesterday hinted that the PNP could not pay yet the amount to the hospital.

Chief Supt. Prospero Noble, chief of the Police Security and Protection Office (PSPO), admitted that the PNP did not expect to be billed by the VMMC for the policemen's use of the hospital's facilities in the course of providing security to Estrada. Noble said that the expenses like the PNP's daily deployment of policemen for Estrada's security "were un-programmed."

He suggested that PNP officials hold a dialogue with the VMMC management to thresh out the "complex problem."

"The two agencies would have to sit down to discuss where to source the money. Anyway it's mandated for us to provide security," he said. "The government is trying to solve this problem. We'll make do with what we have."

VMMC acting director Ricardo Blancaflor earlier said that the P6 million was for light and water consumption of the presidential suite used by Estrada and his son, former San Juan Mayor Jinggoy Estrada, and the quarters used by policemen since May 2001.

Estrada and his son are detained at the hospital while undergoing trial for plunder at the Sandiganbayan.

Blancaflor admitted that the VMMC had to cut down on expenses and look for other sources of income to offset the government's budgetary shortfall.

The hospital's perimeter is secured by members of the Central Police District, while area security is provided by the elite Special Action Forces. The PSPO is responsible for close-in security.

Noble has yet to see the official report of a PNP engineer sent to check the expenses incurred by the policemen. But he said the total amount could be lower than P6 million. "Our personnel do not have air-conditioned units in their quarters. They just have electric fans and lights. Some are using electric stoves. The aircon units are for the former President," he said.

Noble stopped short of recommending the transfer of the Estradas to the SAF training camp in Sta. Rosa, Laguna, where the former President was initially held months after he was ousted and charged early last year.

"We'd rather leave it to their (higher authorities) discretion. We are just a subordinate, whatever are their wishes, we'll follow," he said. Noble said Estrada was aware of the expenses, but did not offer any help.

A militant group suggested that Estrada and President Macapagal-Arroyo personally foot the P6 million being collected by the VMMC management.

"Let Ms Macapagal and her most cherished guest shoulder the expenses, and definitely not from tax-payers money," said Fernando Hicap, leader of the fisherfolk group Pamalakaya.

Hicap said it would be another crime against the people and a "betrayal of public trust" if the government, through the PNP, pay the P6 million. *With a report from Gerald G. Lacuarta*

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ONE GAME AWAY

Racela stars in RP 5 victory against Japan

GAME FRIDAY
3 p.m.—RP vs Chinese Taipei
GAME TUESDAY
7 p.m.—RP vs China

By Al S. Mendoza
Sports Editor

BUSAN, South Korea—Olsen Racela hit a key triple against Japan last night to spark a Philippine quintet victory that looked unattainable with just seconds left in the Asian Games at the Geumjeong Gymansium here.

Basketball

"That shot was a birthday gift for my son, Rafael, who turned four today," said Racela of the trey he flung with a lot of confidence in it from far right.

The shot of the night triggered the Philippines' 79-74 win as the Filipinos experienced their first genuine scare after scoring two straight wins with ease against the United Arab Emirates and North Korea.

It was abetted by spotty officiating as the Czech and the Qatari referees made several dubious calls in favor of the Japanese, who were in the game to stave off elimination.

PBA Commissioner Jun Bernardino, the RP Team manager, lost his cool several times over questionable calls, but he let off steam by simply training his cursing in the air.

But Racela's trey put order in the night as the Filipinos moved to within a win of barging into the next round. A win over Chinese Taipei tomorrow will ensure that.

Racela's rainbow shot gave the Philippines the lead for the first time, 74-73, after the Filipinos trailed Japan by eight points numerous times, the last at 69-61 with under six minutes left.

After Takuya Kita had a split for the game's last deadlock at 74-74, Jeffrey Cariaso completed a three-point play against hotshot Takehiko Orimo for a 77-74 RP lead, 28.9 ticks left.

Dondon Hontiveros closed Philippine scoring with two free throws—baskets he made after making the sign of the cross for each shot that went in.

"Japan made us play our best tonight," said head coach Jong Uichico.

"It was a collective effort and I'm glad the boys hung in there."

Asi Taulava played Atlas for the RP Team as he almost shouldered home his teammates in subduing the perilous route to victory.

"Am just glad and honored to be given the honor of playing for the country. I just want everybody to be happy," said Taulava, who fired 27 points and grabbed 12 rebounds, including crucial boards when the Filipinos were rallying in the homestretch.

It was principally Orimo who gave the Filipinos their first taste of hell in the 12-nation cagefest.

Kept from Uichico's view during the South Korea-Japan game won by the Koreans, Orimo, reportedly nursing a fever, suddenly surfaced to shoot baskets from virtually all angles.

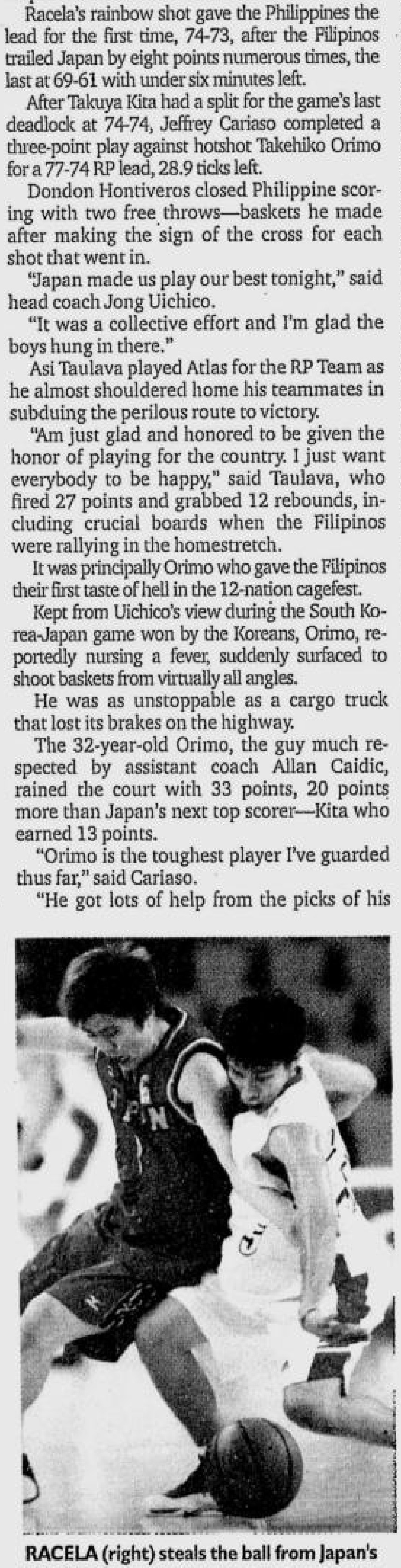
He was as unstoppable as a cargo truck that lost its brakes on the highway.

The 32-year-old Orimo, the guy much respected by assistant coach Allan Caidic, rained the court with 33 points, 20 points more than Japan's next top scorer—Kita who earned 13 points.

"Orimo is the toughest player I've guarded thus far," said Cariaso.

"He got lots of help from the picks of his tall teammates, which made it harder for me to tail him."

Bernardino had the aptest description of the RP's escape act: "We never gave up. The heart of a lion was with the team tonight."


RACELA (right) steals the ball from Japan's Takahiro Setsumasa. AP

RP 79—Taulava 27, Cariaso 14, Racela 13, Espino 8, Duremdes 6, Castillo 4, Menk 3, Ildefonso 2, Hontiveros 2, Hatfield 0.

JAPAN 74—Orimo 33, Kita 13, Setsumasa 9, Takahashi 8, Furuta 5, Shinohara 4, Ito 2, Watanabe 0, Handa 0.

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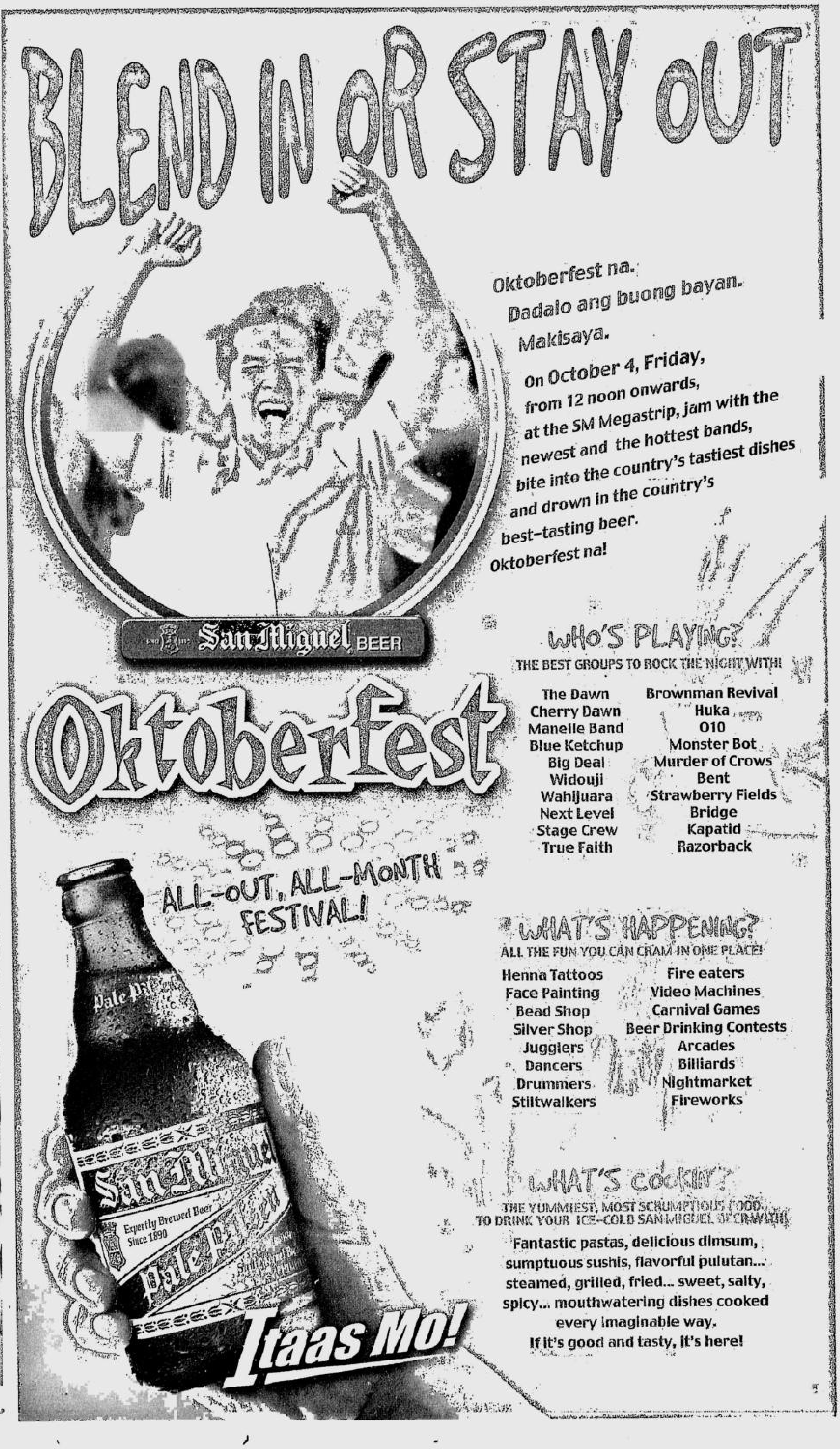

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UAAP INSIDE STORY

Former teammates part ways

PUMAREN

By Dennis U. Eroa

THE GRANDEUR that surrounds the Ateneo-La Salle rivalry for the UAAP basketball supremacy has everything to do with the chronicles of the two rival coaches—Franz Pumaren and Joel Banal.

Unknown to many, the boyish-looking Pumaren and the affable Banal were teammates in the 1981 national training team under coach Ron Jacobs.

Both, however, failed to play in the Jones Cup as Jacobs paraded a Philippine squad composed of 10 "naturalized" Filipinos.

Later, Pumaren, now 40, and Banal parted ways as they joined the PBA. Pumaren and Hector Calma starred in San Miguel Beer's backcourt, while the 6-foot-3 Banal sizzled while playing guard with the Great Taste Coffee under the tutelage of the eminent Baby Dalupan.

After their flourishing careers, Banal and Pumaren concentrated on coaching. Banal gave Mapua an NCAA title, and also boasted of two PBL titles, the latest of which was Ateneo-Pioneer's Challenge Cup triumph this year.

While Pumaren is still searching for his breakthrough PBL crown, the father of three basks in the glory of four straight UAAP titles as La Salle coach.

On Saturday, Pumaren and Banal will figure in a battle of wits as La Salle seeks to extend its reign over an Ateneo side looking to end 14 years of frustration.

For Banal, steering the Eagles to victory is a way of giving back something special to their supporters.

"We've gotten tremendous support, " said Banal. On a personal level, Banal said he wants to dedicate the championship to his father and police colonel Conrado Banal Jr., who passed away last October.

'For my dad'

"This is also for my dad," said Joel. "I learned a lot from him regarding work ethics."

Pumaren said he will personally dedicate this season to his parents Filomeno and Yeyet and his wife Odette.

The Pumarens, including brothers Derick and Dindo never fail to give moral support to Franz right from the start of his coaching career.

La Salle's success can also be attributed to its network of supporters and the cozy relationship between the players, the coaching staff and the duo of team manager Terry Capistrano and his deputy Manny Salgado.

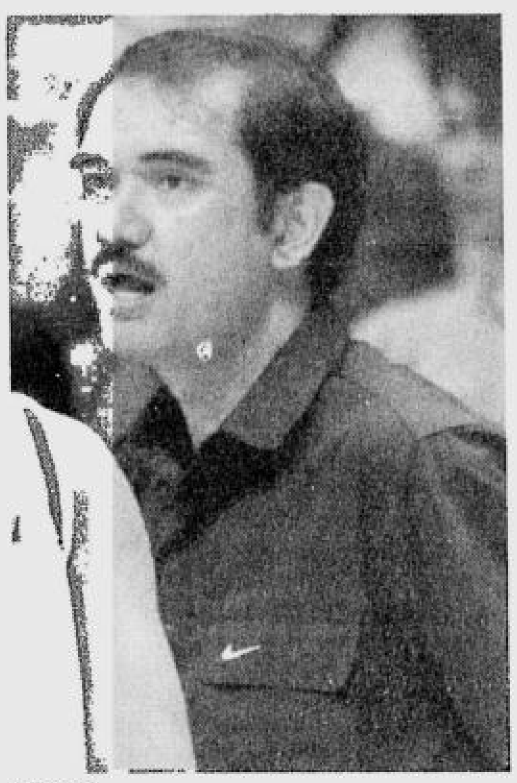
Pumaren and Banal stressed that Saturday's game will bring out the best from their respective charges.

"No major, but minor adjustments will be made on the final showdown," said Pumaren.

Capistrano, a respected businessman, said the "boys are in high spirits." He noted that defense will spell the difference in the decider which has taken the country by storm.

After losing Game Two, the Eagles made their usual routine. They found solace by hearing mass.

Banal said they learned a lot from losing. "The PBL experience has toughened us. And this is one game we should not lose," Banal said.


BANAL

Jordan joins Wizards practice; Ewing begins job as asst. coach

WILMINGTON, North Carolina—Michael Jordan practiced and participated in a scrimmage during the Washington Wizards' evening practice Tuesday night.

JORDAN

Jordan also did some conditioning work Tuesday morning and stood alongside assistant coach Patrick Ewing on the sideline offering instruction to teammates during halfcourt drills.

Jordan's exact role with the Wizards is unclear. He started 53 of 60 games last season, but he and coach Doug Collins have discussed the possibility of Jordan playing as sixth man in 2002-03.

"We want Michael to be strong from start to finish," Collins said. "We want the guys to make his life easier, to be able to create some offense for him.

"I think we've got more weapons this year that can really help him."

Jordan, who turns 40 in February, had arthroscopic surgery to repair torn knee cartilage in February. He was bothered by the knee so much late in the season that he wasn't able to play unless he pedaled an exercise bicycle in the tunnel during games.

Jordan averaged nearly 35 minutes a game last season. He is optimistic about the Wizards' chances this season.

"We have some different personnel and some star-quality players," Jordan said. "We've got a good core of veteran players, a good core of young players and a good core of babies. So we'll put that together and hopefully that will change this thing back to a positive note."

Rookie again

The recently retired 11-time All-Star made his coaching debut Tuesday as the Washington Wizards opened training camp on the UNC-Wilmington campus.

"Naturally I'm used to being out there running up and down," he said. "But now I'm on the other side of the teaching."

Ewing, who was voted one of the top 50 players in NBA history, retired Sept. 17 after 17 years in the league. He spent 15 seasons with the New York Knicks, averaging 22.8 points and 10.4 rebounds. He played the last two years in Seattle and Orlando.

When asked what he had to learn about being a coach, Ewing said, "Everything."

Ewing wore the same attire as the players, leaving his gray Wizards T-shirt untucked from the blue shorts. He looked ready to step right in during a halfcourt drill, but instead offered instruction to the players from the baseline.

Later, he threw entry passes to second-year center Brendan Haywood and rookie forward Jared Jeffries, helping them work on their post moves.

"It helps a lot because the things he teaches were very effective for him," Haywood said. "When you're getting advice from one of the best centers to play the game, you know it will help you a lot."

Ewing is also coaching longtime nemesis Michael Jordan, who led North Carolina over Ewing's Georgetown team in the 1982 NCAA championship game. In the NBA, Jordan's Chicago Bulls knocked Ewing's Knicks out of the playoffs five times.

Though he left open the possibility when hired of returning as a player if needed, Ewing wouldn't discuss it Tuesday.

"I'm here as a coach and I'm going to do the best job I can as a coach," he said.

But did he miss being on the court?

"Right now, no. Nobody likes training camp," he said with a smile. "I'm sure once a game starts and the people are getting in the stands, that's probably when I'll start feeling it."

AP

Sprewell's injury a puzzle

CHARLESTON, South Carolina—New York Knicks president Scott Layden refused Tuesday to discuss details of Latrell Sprewell's hand injury, just one of the problems the team faced as it opened training camp.

While most of the team went through the first of two-a-day practice sessions, Sprewell was in New York undergoing successful surgery to repair a displaced fracture below his right pinkie. He will wear a cast for a month and be sidelined at least six weeks.

Sprewell's hand injury caught the team by surprise. He showed up at the Knicks' practice facility Monday with a swollen right hand and complained that it hurt. X-rays revealed a broken bone.

It was unclear whether Sprewell gave the Knicks a detailed explanation as to the cause of the injury.

The team refused to make Sprewell available to the media on Monday, the team's media day. *AP*

Clippers make an offer sheet to 7-foot Wang

DALLAS—Free agent center Wang Zhizhi has signed a three-year offer sheet with the Los Angeles Clippers, giving the Dallas Mavericks 15 days to either match it, work out a sign-and-trade deal or lose him without compensation.

Donnie Nelson, the Mavericks' president of basketball operations, said all options are being considered.

"We're not going to lose him outright," Nelson told the Fort Worth Star-Telegram, which reported the offer-sheet signing in its Tuesday editions. "We are trying to come to some win-win situation."

The 7-foot-1 (2.3-meter) Wang averaged 5.6 points in 55 games last season.

The Mavericks made Wang the first Asian-born player in the NBA, but relations between the two have been a bit strained by his refusal to return to China after the end of last season to join the national team.

Also Tuesday, the Mavericks announced the signing of guards Raja Bell and Adam Harrington, forward Derek Hood and center Kip Christianson, just in time for the start of training camp.

Bell played the last two seasons with the Philadelphia 76ers.

Harrington was undrafted after leaving Auburn following his junior season. Christianson played in the CBA last season, while the well-traveled Hood spent 2001-02 in the NBDL. *AP*

27 Days to NBA opening on Oct. 30. Did you know that NBA superstar Charles Barkley (then with the Phoenix Suns) once scored 27 points in a single quarter of an NBA Playoffs game against the Golden State Warriors on May 10, 1987?

Sta. Lucia Tour begins in Davao

THE THIRD season of the Sta. Lucia Golf Tour fires off at the all-weather Rancho Palos Verdes course in Mandug, Indangan, Davao City tomorrow (Friday, Oct. 4) with 240 players from all over the country vying for team and individual honors.

Members of five clubs flying the Sta. Lucia flag—Alta Vista in Pardo, Cebu, Eagle Ridge in Gen. Trias, Cavite, Orchard in Dasmariñas, Cavite, host Rancho Palos Verdes in Mandug, Davao and Royale Tagaytay are seeing action in the kick-of leg of an 108-hole island-hopping tour.

Eagle's Ridge two-year hold of Sta. Lucia Cup—symbol of team supremacy in the Tour—will be seriously challenged by Alta Vista which is sending the biggest delegation of 72 golfers with several name players in the frontline.

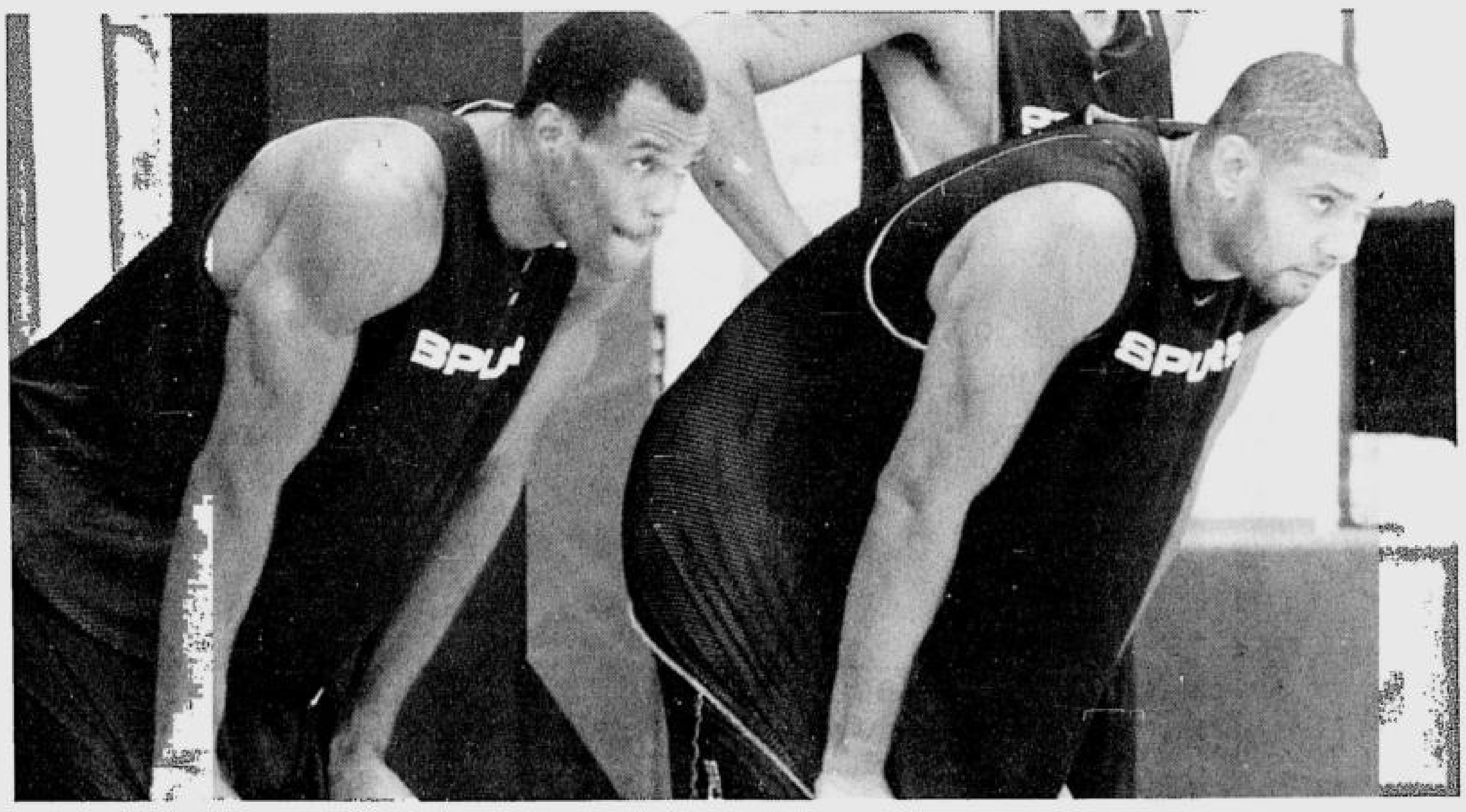
Cebu's 72-strong contingent dwarfs that of Orchard's 52, Eagle's 48 and Rancho's 40 all of which are a merry mix of low and high handicappers.

TaylorMade, Unirock Corp. and Readycon are this year's major sponsors. Other backers are Philippine Airlines as the official airline, Canon, Kubota, Gainers Marketing, Cebu Pacific and Omega. Hole-in-one sponsors are SC Kymco and Yamaha. Hyatt Regency (Manila), Cebu Plaza Hotel (Visayas) and Marco Polo (Mindanao) are the official hotels.

While Eagle's team domination is under fire, the individual reign of Orchard's Dan Salvador III is likewise headed for a strong shake as Cebu's Ramontito Garcia and Davao ball-bashers Marcelino Tibor and Paul Larrabaster are in the lineup.

"We foresee a very close competition in both the team and individual categories. The teams from the south have become stronger and it's not going to be easy winning a trophy this year," said Vicente Santos and Winnie Gob, co-chair of the organizing committee.

The other host venues are Alta Vista for the Visayas leg in November and Orchard and Eagle Ridge for the Luzon swing in December.


SPURS TRAINING CAMP

San Antonio center David Robinson (left) and forward Tim Duncan take a breather during the team's first day of practice at their facility in San Antonio Tuesday. Robinson, who has announced that he will retire after the season, begins his 14th and final training camp with the Spurs.

AP

Mandaluyong Ucap 7-stag derby gets going today

MANDALUYONG Coliseum's 3rd Ucap Anito MB/Calvin Dominator 7-Stag Derby" championship round gets going today.

From a tough field of 39 participants, only three managed to register perfect scores of three points each in Tuesday's elimination round. They were hotelier Biboy Enriquez (Firebird II), Ashley Arayata (Agilahas) and Mario Villamor (MV Phoenix II).

Anito of derby host and Ucap stalwart Mauro Prieto tallied two important victories to remain incontention for the title. Prieto's co-hosts are Alan Tan, Wilvin Sy and Patrick Puno.

Also with two wins are entries RT 114, Greenwood, Arnis Master II, Flyover, Guts and Glory, King Boxer, Bumble Bee Balbina, magzee Farm, WY-Vern, Scott, San Luis, Sto. Cristo, Gensan Jcap, Mexico and Calvin Dominator.

The event is sponsored by Sagupaan Super Feeds, Pagcor and Washout Shampoo of Lakpue Drug Inc. as sponsors.

Meanwhile, tomorrow will be the submission of entries to the Ucap Screening Committee 4-Stag Derby.

La Salle 2nd place

THE SWIMMING team of La Salle College Antipolo won the second place in the overall competition of the Antipolo Private Schools Athletic Association (Apsaa) held on Sept. 26, 2003 at Antipolo City. The team is composed of Miguel Abrera, Ivan Aquino, JP Verzosa, Jobo Clemente, Aris Sacramento, Stephen Valera, Doreen Sotto, Robby Hernandez, and Ana Balajada. They were coached by Ruel Rule.

Age-group tennis on

THE DPWH tennis club in Sta. Cruz Laguna hosts the 11th leg of the 002 Milo Junior Tennis Cup and Regional Workshop starting tomorrow until Oct. 6.

Featured events in the Milo event organized by the Children's Tennis Workshop.

Cagers, boxers sparkle

Bata blasts rival

By Al S. Mendoza
Sports Editor

BUSAN, South Korea—A scary win by the cagers got equal billing, suspense-wise, with Efren "Bata" Reyes' victory yesterday in the Asian Games here.

And with boxing's twin victories, the Philippines somewhat recovered from the shock of seeing a medal turn garbage in rowing.

"The breaks were not with us again," said Chair Eric Buhain of the Philippine Sports Commission. "But the war is not yet over. I believe our athletes will soon strike gold."

The Philippine quintet nosed out Japan, 79-74, a victory that was not in the bag until, as what coach Jong Uichico described it, "the last one second of the game."

The victory moved the Filipinos to within a win away from advancing to an assured bronze medal encounter. They meet Chinese Taipei tomorrow.

Reyes hardly worked up a sweat in beating Kuwait's Almutaheri Khalid G, 9-1, to advance into today's next round.

Cheered by crowd

The 48-year-old Reyes was repeatedly cheered on by a crowd who asked for his autograph after routing the 25-year-old Kuwaiti.

Romeo Brin and Harry Tanamor started boxing's campaign with victories that moved them to the next round. Ferdie Gamo sees action today, with Abap president Manny Lopez predicting a third win for his team aching to redeem itself from that gold medal shutout in the 1998 Bangkok Asiad.

Former world practical shooting champion Jethro Dionisio also dished out an inspiring performance in the trap as he tied China's Zhang Yonjie for the lead after 75 targets.

"*Malinaw ang tingin*," said the 29-year-old Dionisio, who will resume his medal bid in today's round for the last 50 targets in the event.

If he finishes among the Top 6, he will be in another 25 targets for the medal fight.

"The wind was tricky, but I'm used to it," said Dionisio, who described the Chinese as "very good. I've competed against him before."

But Dionisio added the man to watch today is Kuwait's Khaled Almudhaf.

His teammates Eric Ang and Jaime Recio were eliminated even as Therese Cantada sees action today in the 100-meter air pistol.

But the day's biggest heartbreaker was the setbacks suffered in rowing. Benjamin Tolentino and Jose Rodriguez faltered in the finals to lose medals that appeared achievable until they fumbled coming home.

It would have been the country's first medal in the 16-day Games.

The 31-year-old Rodriguez was in near tears after losing in the lightweight single sculls, missing the bronze after squandering a two-boat lengths advantage over his chief bronze medal foe.

Rapid-fire surge

He lost it to Hong Kong Law Hui Fung, who suddenly unleashed a rapid-fire surge in the last 50 meters to snatch the bronze in 7 minutes, 24.05 seconds—less than two ticks ahead of Rodriguez.

"*Nakakapanghinayang talaga*," said Rodriguez. Tolentino, who placed 18th in the Sydney Olympics, paid dearly with a strategy that backfired in the 2000-m single scull finals.

The grandson of the late Olympic cager Nano Tolentino stuck close to Japan's Yasunori Tanabe from the start, a ploy that somehow allowed his apparently stronger opponents from China and Pakistan to sneak in unnoticed.

By the time he discovered the strategic flaw, it was too late. His desperate attempt to chase Akram for the bronze failed—a setback that will haunt him for some time since he beat Akram in the Sydney Olympics.

Also losing a chance for a medal was cyclist Marites Bitbit, who finished with the main wave but was relegated to ninth among 10 finishers in the 96.8-kilometer road race.

"*Sayang*," said Bitbit, who found it late to maneuver for the mad dash to the finish as she was buried deep into the main pack.

But Josephine Paguyo of soft tennis suffered a different kind of setback yesterday when her name was not submitted in the three groups of the preliminary round action which starts tomorrow.

Not even the intervention of Olympic president Cito Dayrit could save Paguyo from outright elimination in her singles event. Officials stuck to rules that failure to register would mean automatic disqualification.

But Paguyo, the first Southeast Asian netter to make it to the Busan Games, will play in

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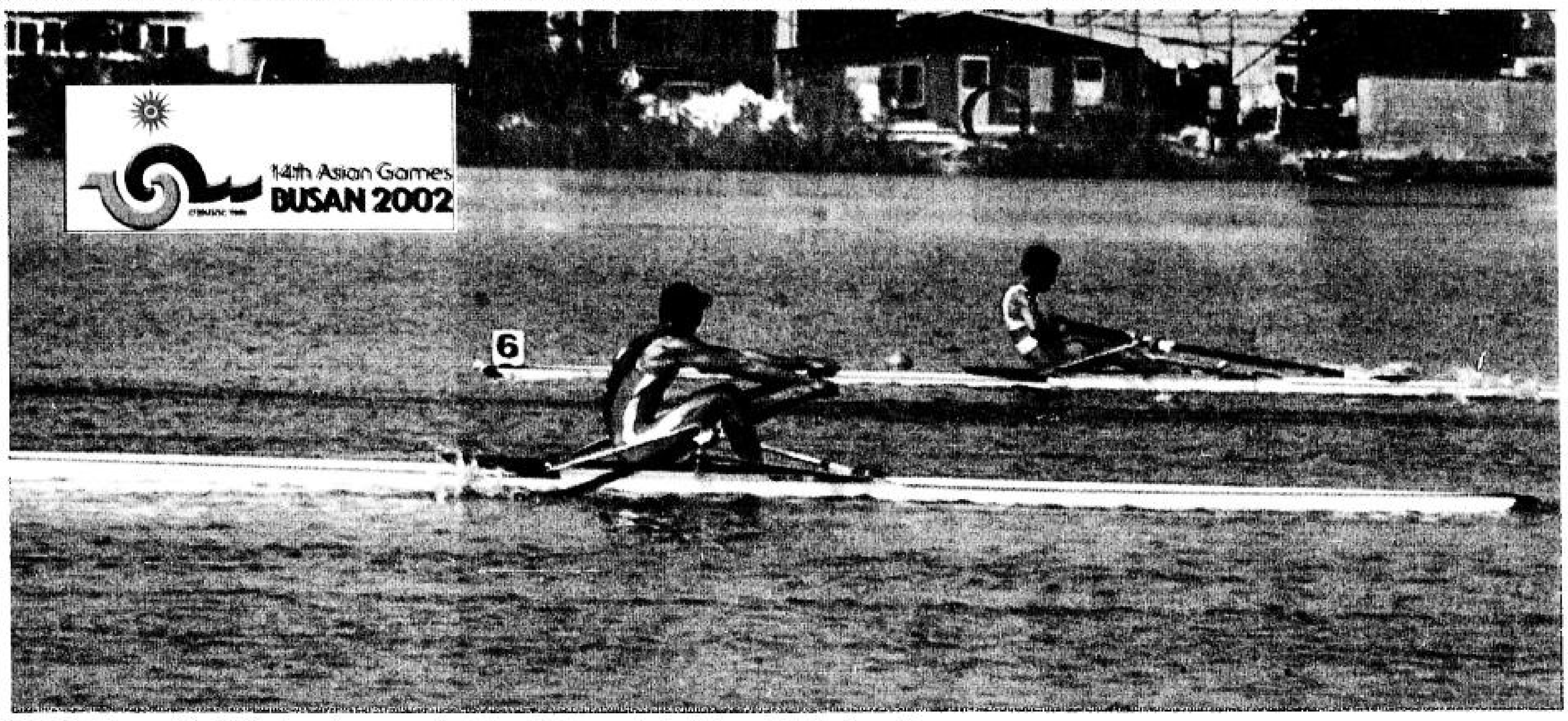
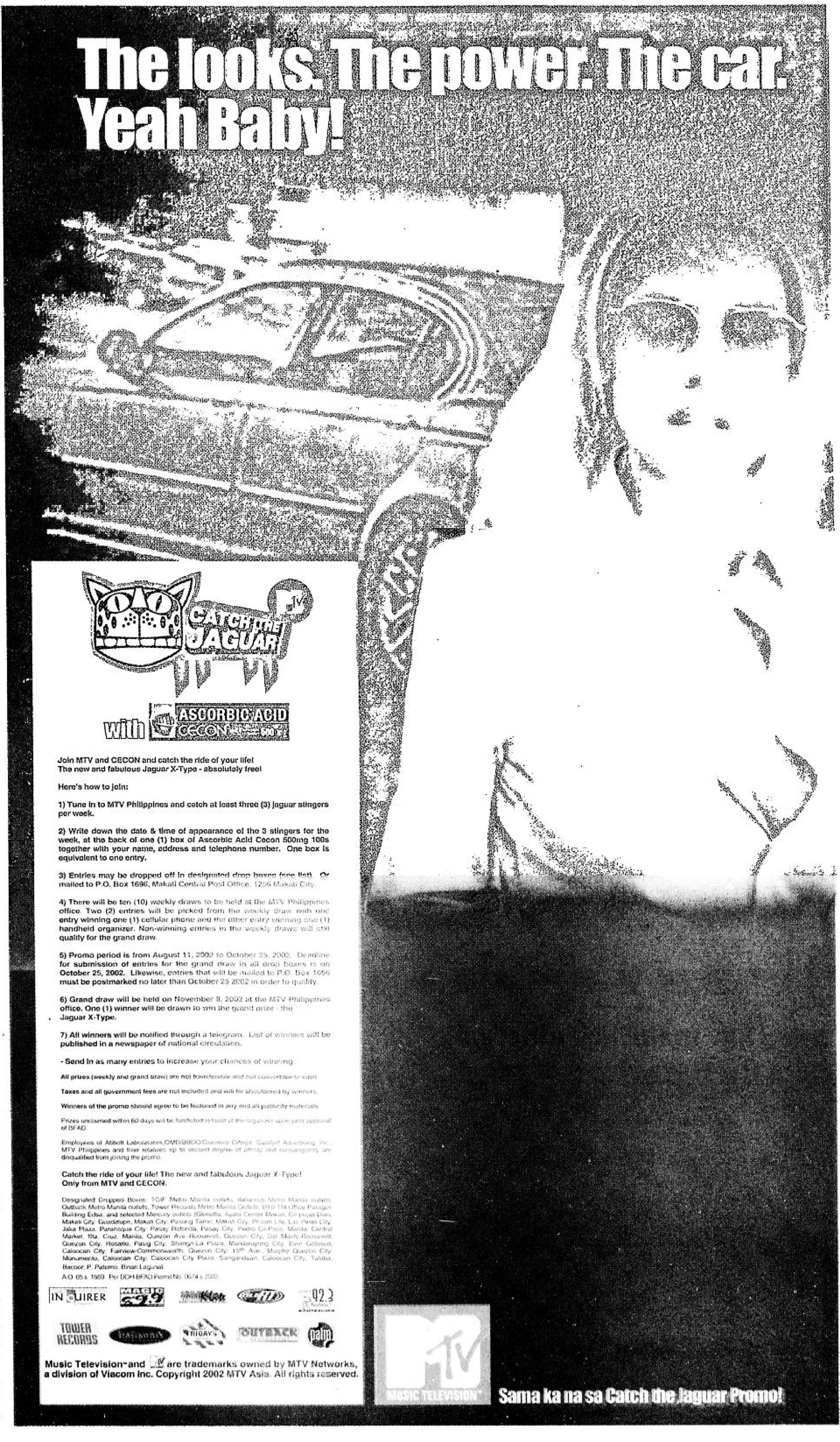


JOSE Rodriguez of the Philippines (foreground) missing the bronze in the lightweight singles sculls. JESS YUSON



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ASI Taulava (left) of the Philippines scores from under against Takashi Shinohara of Japan during their men's basketball quarter final match yesterday. Taulava topscored with 27 points as the Filipinos won, 79-74. Story on page A17. REUTERS

Olsen fulfills b-day promise

China routs Taiwan, 113-50

BUSAN, South Korea—Olsen Racela gave his son Rafael a fourth birthday gift that made all of the Philippines happy while Filipino big man Asi Taulava unlocked his power by shaving his locks.

Taulava scored 27 points while Racela and Jeffrey Cariaso each had eight key points in the fourth quarter to rally the Philippines past Japan, 79-74, in the Asian Games men's basketball quarterfinal round here Wednesday.

Racela sank two three-point baskets in the final period, the last with 74 seconds remaining to take away Japan's final lead of the game. The clutch long-range shots fulfilled a vow Racela made to his son.

"I promised him three-point shots," Racela said. "I didn't know they would be those big shots. Those were for him. This win was for him."

Taulava scored 27 points and pulled down 12 rebounds after shaving his head, keeping the Filipinos in the game through the second and third quarters when Japan threatened to run away.

"We knew he was very good, capable of scoring 18 or 20 points," Philippines coach Joseph Uichico said. "I didn't know he was going to be this dominating.

"I just shaved that so I could keep this," Taulava said, fingering his goatee. "I'm just hustling, playing hard. I just want to make everybody back in the Philippines happy." Mission accomplished.

The basketball-loving nation figures to reach the medal round while the loss dimmed Japan's hopes.

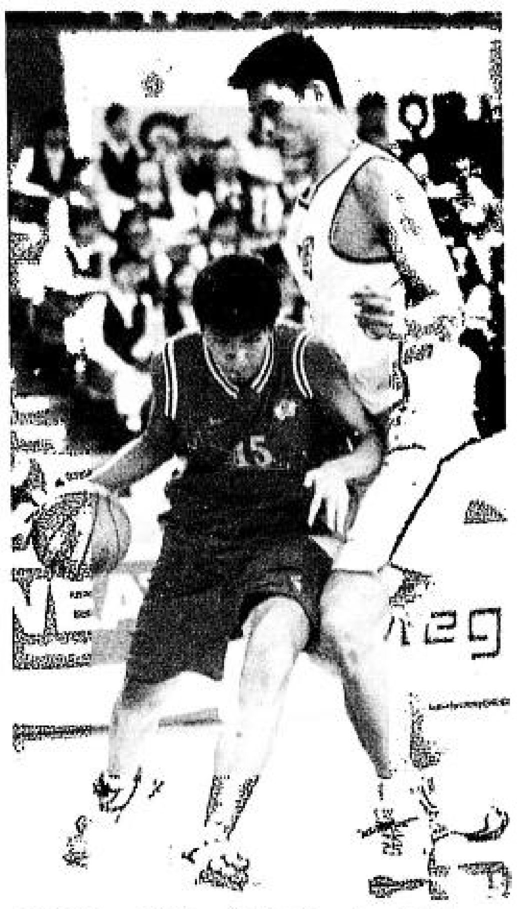
"It's very crucial," Uichico said. "It makes us a step closer to where we want to be."

Favored China blasted Taiwan, 113-50, in the other Group One opener. National Basketball Association top draft pick Yao Ming scored 18 of his 22 points in a dominating first quarter, had 13 rebounds and was 9-of-9 from the field.

China, which led 32-14 after one quarter, also got 18 points from Chen Ke among seven double-figure scorers.

North and South Korea meet in a showdown of political rivals Thursday while Kazakhstan plays Hong Kong in the other Group Two quarter-final opener.

Japan leveled the game at 74-74 on Takuya Kita's free throw with 39.5 seconds to go but Jeffrey Cariaso converted a three-point play with 28.9 seconds to go and Donaldo Honiveros sank two late free throws to seal the victory.



YAO Ming of China (right)checks a driving Wen Ting Tseng of Taiwan. AFP

"This is a dream experience for me," Cariaso said. "To have won it like this is a dream. My attitude is to work hard and never give up and the team showed that. This game we played showed a lot of character. We have come a long way."

Japan's Takehiro Orimo scored 14 of his game-high 33 points in the second quarter to give Japan a 40-34 half-time lead.

The Filipino cause looked grim when Orimo converted a rare four-point play, making a free throw after being fouled on a successful three-pointer, to give Japan a 69-61 lead with 6:17 remaining in the game. *AFP*

Cagers . . .

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the doubles and mixed doubles events. She vowed vengeance.

Today's fourth day of Asiad action will see the country's golfers set out for an almost assured climb to the victory podium—both in men's and women's play.

The Philippines is in 19 more disciplines, including baseball, bowling, bodybuilding, judo, gymnastics and softball, among others.

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Busan eyeing 2016 Olympics

BUSAN, South Korea—The host to the current Asian Games, South Korea's second-largest city of Busan, hopes to bring the Olympics here in 2016, the mayor said Wednesday.

"After successfully holding the Asian Games, we will actively pursue becoming host to the Olympics," said Busan Mayor Ahn Sang-young.

"By holding the Olympics, we hope to become a world-class city," he said at a news conference.

The city is already preparing to act as host in 2016, and is studying public opinion before formally announcing its bid, he added.

Busan, a city of nearly 4 million people, is on the southeastern tip of South Korea.

Seoul, the nation's capital, with 12 million people, was host for the 1986 Asian Games and the 1988 Olympics.

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Dots make flag difference

BUSAN, South Korea—There a whole "dot" of difference between the North and South Korean versions of their symbolic "unification flag" at the Asian Games.

The North's version has a dot representing an islet disputed with former colonial ruler Japan. The version of games host South Korea does not.

"Personally, I think it would be better to have the islet. But the flag is about inter-Korean reconciliation, not about Japanese affairs," said an official at Busan City Hall.

The original design of the white flag with a blue image of the Korean Peninsula, made in 1991, lacks the islet, called Tok-do in the two Koreas and Takeshima in Japan.

Amid increasing claims over the islet by Japan, the North and civic activists in the South have recently added the dot. But the dot was missing on flags handed out to South Korean cheer groups by the Busan government during the games.

"We didn't erase it because of Japan. We are just sticking to the original design," said the official, who declined to be named.

The uninhabited islet, surrounded by fertile fishing grounds, has been a source of contention since Korea was liberated from the 1910-45 Japanese colonial rule.

North and South Korea have been divided since 1945, and the North has boycotted all previous international sporting events in the South. Its attendance at the Asian Games is part of reconciliation moves.

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Clouters seek respect, face Japanese today

By Roy Luarca

BUSAN, South Korea—They nearly did not make it to the 14th Asian Games. The Filipino clouters are out to prove that they deserve to be in the baseball competitions here.

Drawing the world power Japanese for their first opponents today, however, may dampen the Nationals' enthusiasm.

The game is set at 2 p.m. (1 p.m. in Manila) at the 30,000-seater Sajik Baseball Stadium with the Japanese, fourth placers in this year's International Baseball Federation championship, tagged as favorites. It will be followed by the South Korea-Chinese Taipei tussle at 6 p.m.

Yesterday's inaugural games pitted China against South Korea and Japan against Chinese Taipei. The Taiwanese have beaten the Japanese in both the 4th Asian AAA championship and the IBAF tournament where they finished third.

The Nationals, who could only land sixth in the AAA meet,will be led by brothers Ernesto, Manolito and Joel Binarao.

Completing the team, which was given the go-signal by the Philippine Olympic Committee a few weeks before departure, are Ruben Angeles, Roy Baclay, Fernando Badrina, Roel Batuto, Christian Canlas, Andro Cuyugan,Roel Empacis, Wilfredo Hidalgo Jr., Christopher Jimenez, Ricardo Jimenez, Charlie Labrador, Virgilio Roxas, Ferdinand Recto, Junnifer Pinero and Alejandro Velasquez.

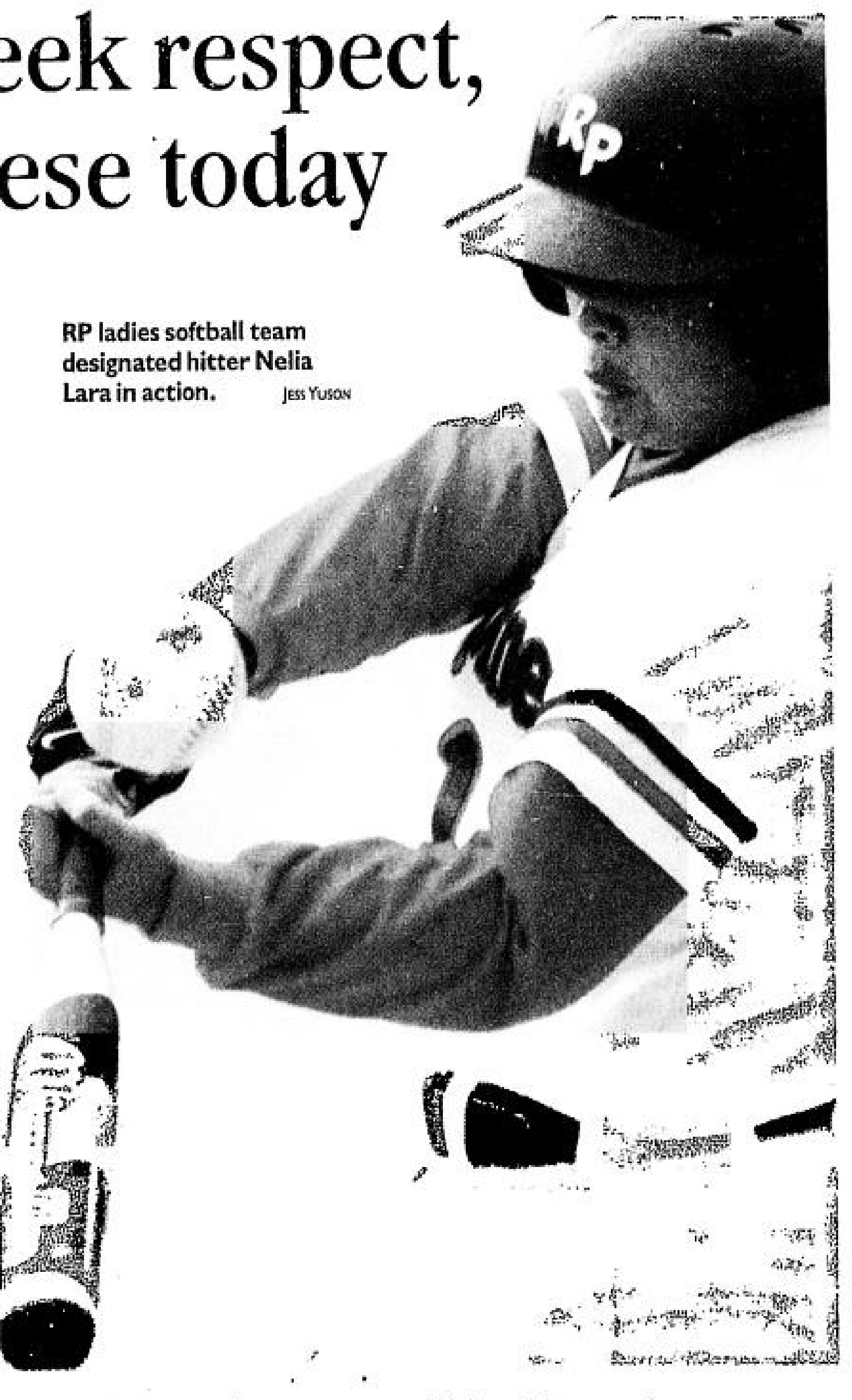
Accompanying them are Philippine Amateur Baseball Association president Hector Navasero, head coach Edgar de los Reyes, assistant coach Catalino Leron III and team manager Eladio Baradas.

Navasero knows the formidable odds his wards would be facing and is taking the Asiad stint as blessing.

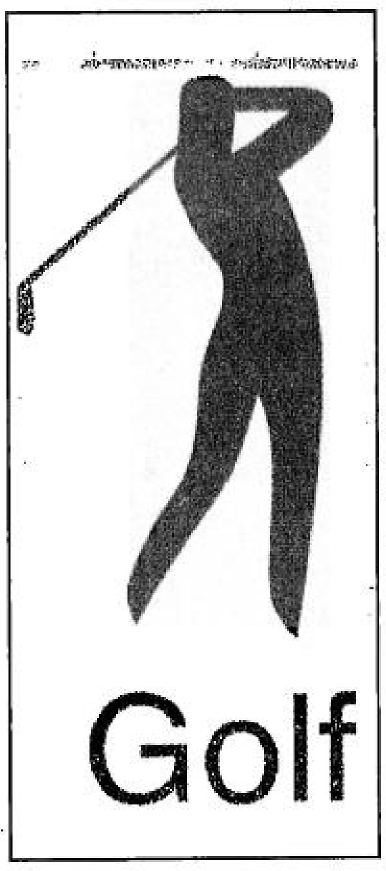
"Playing with these Olympic-caliber teams is already a great prestige. Winning isn't everything here but the camaraderie and spirit of Olympism," Navasero was quoted as saying in the Baseball Unites Asia magazine.

The Philippines takes on Korea Oct. 5, Chinese Taipei Oct. 6 and China Oct. 6 at the end of the preliminaries.

Meanwhile, the Philippines tries to stave off elimination when it battles China at 10 a.m. The Filipinas have dropped their first two games against the Koreans, 5-0,and the Japanese,9-0.



RP ladies softball team designated hitter Nelia Lara in action. JESS YUSON



Golfers begin quest for gold

Men's team out to better double silver-medal output the last time out

By Al S. Mendoza

BUSAN, South Korea—The Philippines begins its golden mission in golf today in the 14th Asian Games, aided by a trip that saw the male bets familiarize themselves with the venue a few weeks back.

Angelo Que, Marlon Dizon, Jerome Delariarte and Juvic Pagunsan will begin play simultaneously with the ladies team of Heidi Chua, Carmelette Villaroman and Ria Quiazon.

The male squad flew here last month to sample the Asian Country Club, a journey that gave them valuable time to learn how the wind blows or why the grass grows sideways.

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"They are very good students," said Admiral Louie Fernandez, who accompanied the boys in the familiarization trip. "They took down notes with the zeal of one taking up an MBA."

In that trip, the boys were supposed to just play two rounds and go sightseeing and shopping on the third day.

"But no, they dropped the shopping and went on to play the course a third time," said Fernandez, the vice president of the National Golf Association of the Philippines (NGAP). "They are that dedicated."

The Philippines is one of 17 countries entered in the male division that include Japan, China, Malaysia, Indonesia and the two Koreas, among others.

A closely fought contest is predicted here but for the RP ladies, the horizons seem bright since only five other countries are challenging the Filipinas.

"All of them are in high spirits," said Rod Feliciano, the NGAP president. "I feel confident they can score well as the course is not that difficult."

The par-72 course is hilly and a bit narrow. But it is virtually treeless as it was built only recently in time for the Games.

Both teams are being coached by the inimitable Roger Retuerto, with NGAP secretary general Benny Gopez as the men's team captain and Alice Andrada handling the women's squad.

The country won the silver medal in both the men's individual and team competitions in the 1998 Bangkok Asiad through runner-up Gerald Rosales and his teammates Cookie La'O, Rhey Luna and Angelo Que.

The women's team of Dorothy Delasin, Jennifer Rosales and Quiazon salvaged the bronze.

The men's team, except Pagunsan, had one last practice round yesterday.

"Juvic just felt he had to rest before he goes to battle," said Feliciano. *"Diskarte niya iyon and we respected it naman."*

Written in the stars

SPECTATOR

Al S. Mendoza

BUSAN, South Korea—We have 218 athletes here. The targeted gold production is from three to seven. Cito Dayrit said it could be 10.

How come? I mean, why so many athletes and yet the dream for gold is a maximum of only 10?

Read on, fellas.

We are entered in 30 of 38 disciplines. Should have been 31 but Col. Buddy Andrada (retired) pulled out his lone tennis bet when Cito & Co. disapproved the inclusion of three other Andrada nominees.

Politics?

'You bet.

The 3 Bs (billiards, bowling and boxing) can produce four gold medals. Wushu, taekwondo and golf were tipped to win four at the most.

The rest of the pack will be here to just compete. See the sights next. Buy some Korean dolls for souvenirs before flying home. Not bad because they also are ballyhooed as ambassadors of goodwill. Sports, in case you've forgotten, is a time-tested bridge to unify peoples irrespective of ideology, creed or color.

The two Koreas marched as one anew during the Asiad opening ceremony, the way they did in the 2000 Sydney Olympics.

You want more history?

East Germany went to West Germany for the 1972 Munich Olympics. Four months later, both struck up a historic accord for a sports program exchange annually. Not long after, the Iron Curtain was torn down. East and West became one. Even Mark Twain must have smiled from his grave.

The Asian Games is about winning. But it is also about losing.

Some people love to rue when they see their countrymen getting beaten black and blue in competitions abroad. Bad. They know not the meaning of sports, which is that losing is part and parcel of it. Even God, for all his power, cannot make two competitors winners. It can happen, but that is as rare as an eclipse. Even two opponents winding up losers happen. But that is also as rare as rain in the Mojave desert.

It happens at times that the joy of sports is not in the winning. All of Asia except South Korea was in grief when the South Koreans won all 12 gold medals staked in the 1986 Seoul Asian Games. The sweep made Asia weep because it was tainted with referee-related cheating. That victory was like seeing GMA beat FPJ in 2004, three million votes to one.

We will finish deep in the cellar again. That should not depress you. That was written in the stars long before our athletes left in time for the opening of the Games on Sept. 29.

On Oct. 14, after the Asiad Flame is finally extinguished and the Auld Lang Syne done, count our medals. The small harvest should not depress you. It's never in the winning, it's in the losing.

We've been expert in that all these years.

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Compiled by Lorenzo Manguiat

AMERICAN FOOTBALL: NFL 2001 Denver Broncos Yearbook, 7:30 a.m., 2001 Baltimore Ravens Yearbook , 8 a.m., NFL Blast, 8:30 a.m., Denver Broncos vs Baltimore Ravens, 9 a.m., ESPN

GOLF: PGA Texas Open, 2 p.m., Star Sports
This is the PGA Tour, 9 p.m., Star Sports

VOLLEYBALL: 2002 FIVB Men's World Championship, 5 p.m. and 6:30 p.m., ESPN

BOWLING: CGU Asian Bowling Tour, Philippines Semifinals and Finals, 11 a.m., Star Sports

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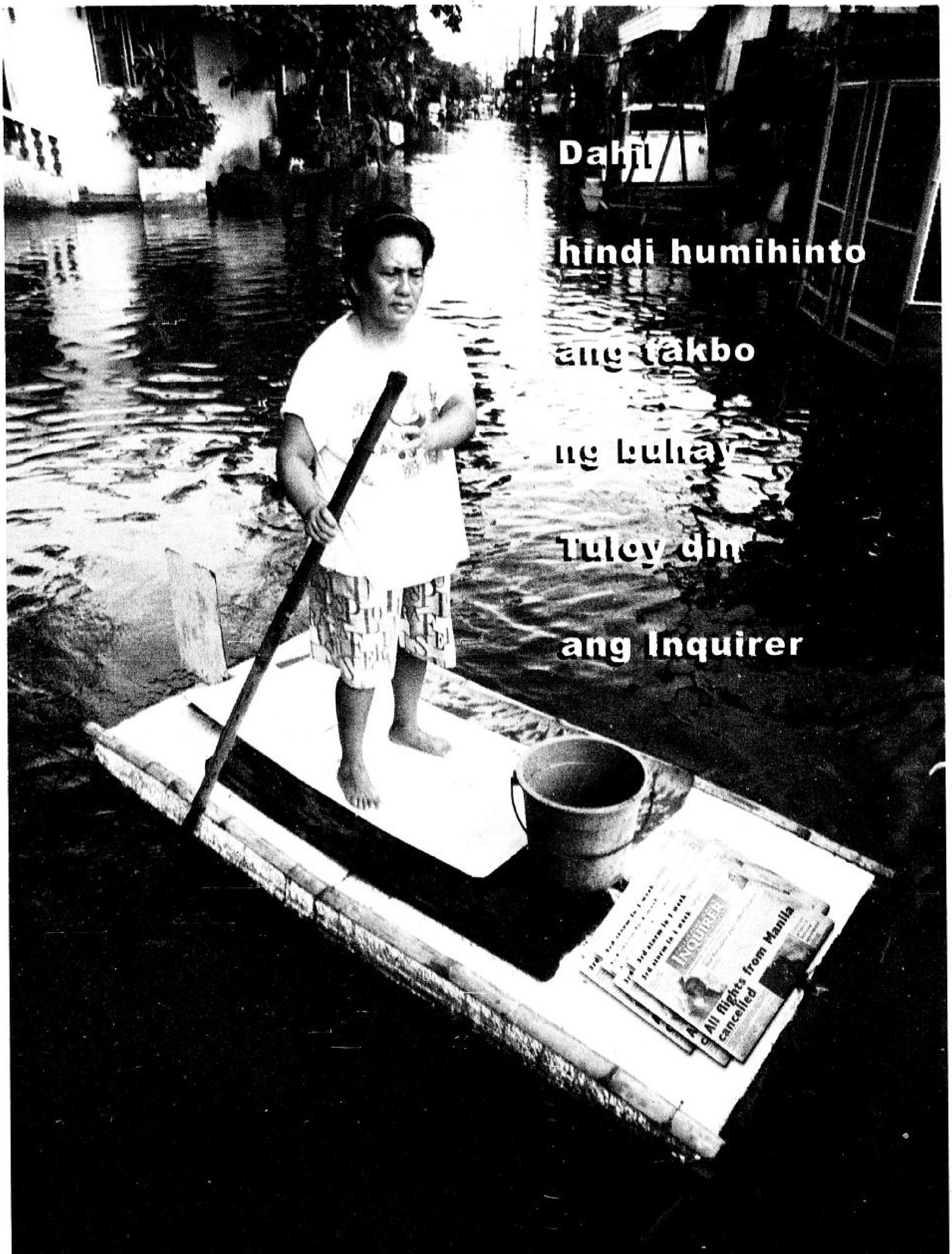

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— Because life does not stop, neither should the news.

Dionisio finds mark; other shooters falter

By Roy Luarca

Shooting

BUSAN, South Korea—**Right on target.**

Eagle-eyed Jethro Dionisio bared sharp form yesterday, sharing the individual lead with China's Zhang Yonjie after 75 targets of shooting's trap event in the 14th Asian Games at the Changwon International range here.

Dionisio, the former world practical shooting champion who shifted to shotgun firing three years ago, racked up one perfect round of 25 and downed 22 and 24 birds in the others for a total of 71.

"My vision was clear. The wind was tricky but I'm used to it," said Dionisio. "Zhang is good, I've competed against him before."

The 29-year-old Dionisio pursues his medal bid in today's round-50 more targets in the eliminations and another 25 in the finals if he finishes among the top six.

Aside from Zhang, Dionisio considers Kuwait's Khaled Almudhaf as his main rival.

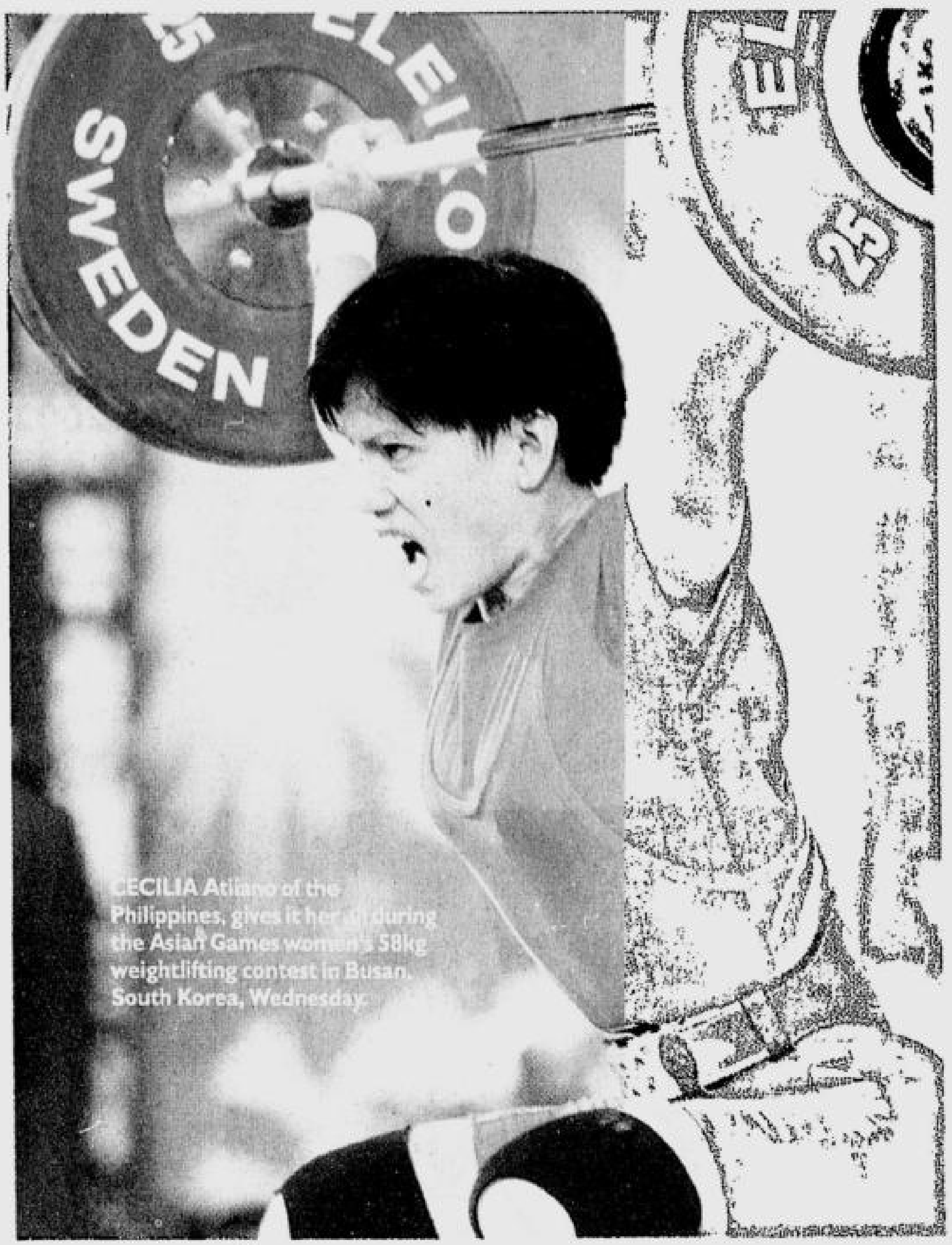
Almudhaf fell two birds short at 69 together with Japan's Atsushi Otake and China's Li Hui, while just one down at 70 were Chinese-Taipei's Chen Wei Tao and China's Huang Lixin.

While Dionisio's gun was blazing, those of teammates Eric Ang and Jaime Recio were misfiring. Ang tallied 62 birds to rank 20th while Recio had 59 for 24th place as the Filipinos virtually bowed out of the team competition.

Sydney Olympian Rasheya Jasmin Luis and former Southeast Asian Games champion Emerito Concepcion also flunked in their respective events.

Luis finished 29th in the women's 10-meter air rifle with 380 points, 19 away from co-leaders Zhao Yinghui of China andPark Lin Yong of South Korea.

Making her appearance for the first time today is Therese Cantada in the women's 10m air pistol. Cantada is the elder sister of former national golfer Gerard.



CECILIA Atiano of the Philippines, gives it her all during the Asian Games women's 58kg weightlifting contest in Busan, South Korea, Wednesday.

3 Filipino bodybuilders flex muscles

By Roy Luarca

Bodybuilding

BUSAN, South Korea—They've flexed their muscles and enhanced their body tone. Bodybuilders Roman Cortuna Jr. and Alfredo Trazona Jr. are ready to show their stuff in the 14th Asian Games.

Cortuna, 28, and Trazona, 38, both former Mr. Philippines, will be competing in the bodybuilding preliminaries starting at 10 a.m. (9 a.m. in Manila) at the Busan Citizens' Hall.

The 5-foot-3 ½ Cortuna, a Cebuano, is vying in the superflyweight category while the 5-foot-7 Trazona, from Bislig, Surigao del Sur, is posing in the light middle division.

They are the only musclemen to pass the criteria set by the Philippine Olympic Committee for the event which stakes eight golds in four days here.

A product of the University of the Visayas, the 60kg Cortuna is the 2001 Mr. Philippines and has a silver to show from this year's Southeast Asian Bodybuilding tilt.

The 81kg Trazona, the 1996 Mr. Philippines, placed 18th in the Mr. Universe contest two years ago and won in the 2001Southeast Asian Bodybuilding tilt.

Coaching the two is Antipas Celorio.

Pinay soft netter out

BUSAN—Medal prospect Josephine Paguyo is out of the women's singles competition even before the 14th Asian Games' soft tennis tournament could start.

The entry of Paguyo, third-placer in both the 1995 World Cup and 2000 Asian Soft Tennis Championships, was not included in the three groups of the preliminary round action which starts tomorrow at the Sajik clay courts here.

"Nagulat ako nang mabalitaan kong hindi ako kasali sa singles. *Nasayang lang po ang* six months preparation at team effort ng women's team *namin,"* said Paguyo in between sobs.

POC president Celso L. Dayrit appealed to OCA (Olympic Council of Asia) sports committee chair Wei Zhuong "in the spirit of friendship which OCA invoked when it ruled in favor of the Malaysian request for its Sepak Takraw team in a similar situation."

Medal escapes road racer Bitbit

By Roy Luarca

Cycling

BUSAN, South Korea—A fraction of a bicycle wheel. That was how close Marites Bitbit came to clinching a medal for the Philippines yesterday in the 14th Asian Games here.

The 24-year-old Bitbit, a mountain bike specialist from Danao City, crossed the finish line with the main pack of 10 riders but was caught near the end to settle for ninth place in her first crack in the 96.8-kilometer road race.

"*Sayang, wala akong* experience. I don't know what strategy to do because the street is too narrow," said the 5-foot-4 Bitbit, a silver medalist in the Kuala Lumpur 2001 Southeast Asian Games.

South Korean King YongMi took the gold medal at the expense of Indon Uyun Muzizah and Chinese Jiang Yanxia, respectively. They posted identical times of 2 hours, 47 minutes, 19 seconds.

The race was so close all the riders in the pack, including Bitbit, were given the same time.

"So near and yet so far," said Boying Rodriguez, Bitbit's coach. "The riders were just a fraction of a wheel away from each other."

Another Chinese, Guo Xinghong, placed fourth, followed by Japan's Miho Oki, Vietnam's Vu Hong Thuy, Indonesia's Tri Kusuma Santia, Hong Kong's Alexandra Ka Wah Yeung, Bitbit and Thailand's Chapookam Monrudee.

Bitbit gamely stuck with the breakaway group from the start because the 24-kilometer course the competitors had to cover four times was suited to her liking, hilly and winding.

"I'm used to mountain bike racing, so I was able to stay with the lead pack," said Bitbit, who promised to do better in her regular event, the cross country, on Oct. 12.

It will be the turn of 1996 Marlboro Tour champion Victor Espiritu and Merculio Ramos Jr. to seek glory when they compete in the 200-kilometer road race today.

Gerry fights WBC champ in Osaka, Japan, Dec. 20

GERRY Peñalosa gets another crack at becoming a world champion when he trades punches with reigning WBC superflyweight king Masamori Tokuyama on Dec. 20 in Osaka, Japan.

This developed as Peñalosa's manager, lawyer-sportsman Rudy Salud, yesterday confirmed the arrangement for the WBC title fight, which was earlier shelved after Tokuyama suffered a hand injury in his last title defense against Mexico's Erik Lopez on Aug. 26.

Of North Korean descent but was born in Japan, Tokuyama handily won his fifth title defense against Lopez via a sixth round TKO. Tokuyama captured the WBC superflyweight diadem at the expense of South Korean In Joo Cho in August 2000.

The 30-year-old Peñalosa, recently coming off an impressive seventh round TKO victory over Japanese Seiji Tanaka, owns a ring record of 46-4-2 with 31 knockouts.

Peñalosa will leave for Los Angeles on Nov. 3 to train under American coach Freddie Roach at his Wild Card Gym near Hollywood.

Roach is the trainer of Johnny Tapia, who will fight against Marco Antonio Barrera next month.

Mayor, Acosta rule chessfest

DENTIST Jenny Mayor topped the Success section, while Ramil Acosta of the DepEd's Division of City Schools lorded it over the Prosperity section in the fourth leg of the 2002 Philippine Executive Active Chess Express or PEACE 2002 recently at the Land Bank Plaza in Malate, Manila.

It was the second victory of Mayor, a three-time grand prix topnotcher, who also topped the second leg on July 27. Mayor defeated physical therapist Ryan Ruiz in the last round to score 5.5 points out of six in the one-day event organized by the Active Chess Center of Asia (Acca) with the support of Belgosa Media Systems Inc. and Land Bank.

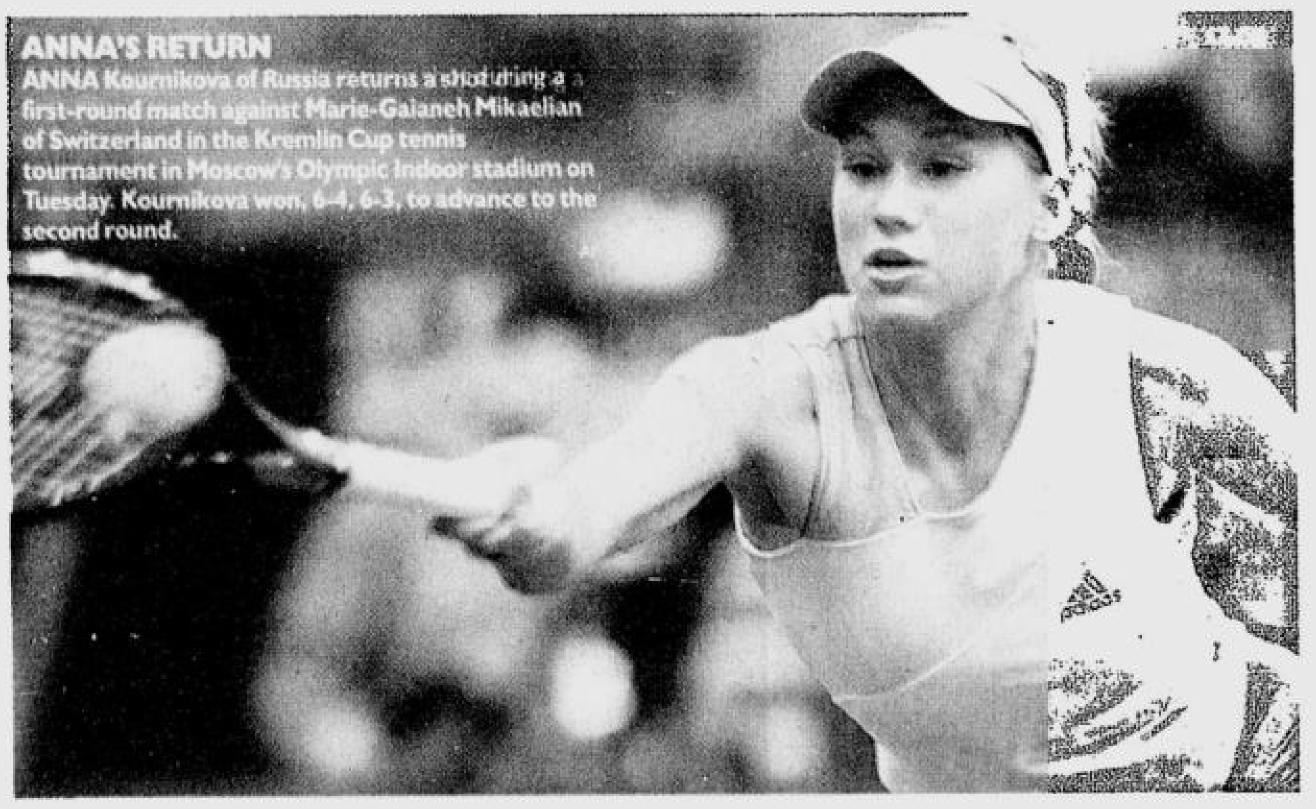
Other last round matches in the Success section saw engineer Robert Arellano prevailing over Gary Legaspi and Noel Garcia upsetting the top seed and defending champion Dennis San Juan.

Bunched at 7th-11th places with 3.5 points each are Rojano, Evangelista, Abraham Dalagan, Ronlad Donasco, and Rey Paul Hechanova.

The fifth leg will be held on Oct. 26. Contact the Acca with tels. 892-8759 and 917-2132 for details.

BLAST FROM THE PAST

TODAY in 1992, Lizette Garcia tallied 2348 pinfalls to capture the graded masters plum in the 3rd SJBA Invitational Open championship at Greenlanes. Also today in 1992, Tony Olives, Daudo Go and Honor Mendoza scored a net 211 aggregate to lift Valley Golf to the team title in the Johnnie Walker Tournament of Championships in Carmona, Cavite.



ANNA'S RETURN

ANNA Kournikova of Russia returns a shot during a first-round match against Marie-Gaianeh Mikaelian of Switzerland in the Kremlin Cup tennis tournament in Moscow's Olympic Indoor stadium on Tuesday. Kournikova won, 6-4, 6-3, to advance to the second round.

Hewitt overwhelms Chang, 6-2, 6-2

TOKYO—World number one Lleyton Hewitt overpowered Michael Chang in the second round of the Japan Open on Wednesday, crushing the former French Open champion, 6-2, 6-2, while Ecuador's Nicolas Lapentti suffered an upset.

Hewitt, the winner in Tokyo last year, needed less than an hour to beat Chang, who could do little against the Australian's heavy artillery.

The defending champion overwhelmed the 30-year-old with a stream of baseline winners and committed hardly any unforced errors.

"I felt that I got better and better as the match went on. I played pretty well in the end," Hewitt told a news conference.

For Chang, the loss has shattered his hopes of making a victorious farewell in what he has said will be his last tournament in Japan.

Thunderous applause erupted as the American walked off the court, bidding farewell to the fans who still idolise him in this part of the world.

"He was very unlucky not to have become number one in the world at some stage," Hewitt said, referring to Chang's 14-year-career which was launched into orbit when he won the French Open as a 17-year-old in 1989.

The Australian said Chang was his role model in many ways, adding he learned the quickness around the court and the mental toughness from the former world number two.

In other action, Lapentti fell to Magnus Larsson, 7-5, 6-2. *Reuters*

Sports anti-doping code OK'd

MONTREAL—The World Anti-Doping Agency approved a second draft of its proposed universal anti-doping code Tuesday but complained that deadbeat nations–including the United States–were creating funding problems.

Dick Pound, the agency's president and a top International Olympic Committee official, said the WADA executive committee adopted the revised code that included changes suggested in 122 comments received from sports federations, governments, anti-doping agencies and others.

He said the biggest changes from the first draft circulated earlier this year were:

— an expanded definition of doping to include genetic doping and oxygen transfer agents;

— clarifying doping control responsibilities among various agencies in existence; and,

— the possible disqualification of all results of an athlete who tests positive, instead of just the event in which the positive test occurred.

Pound said some questions remained open to discussion, such as whether a two-year ban would be automatic for first-time offenders. Consideration of the athlete's circumstances–age, professional status, nature of the offense–could factor in determining the length of a ban, he said.

Another question was whether the mere presence of a banned substance in an athlete's system constituted a violation, Pound said.

WADA hoped to have a final version ready for consideration and approval at a world anti-doping conference in March in Copenhagen, Pound said. *AP*

Codiñera chess slated

INTERNATIONAL Masters Barlo Nadera and Chito Garma lead the early entries in the open section of the Codiñera Memorial Chess Tournament which reels off at 6:30 p.m. tomorrow, Oct. 4, at the third floor of the J & F Divino Bldg. located at #967 Aurora Blvd., near Anonas Street in Quezon City.

Open to all chessplayers, masters, non-masters, rated, unrated and beginners, the seven-round Swiss event is divided into two sections: open and unrated.

The open section will apply the time control of one hour and fifteen minutes per players and will be held during weekdays, MWF, starting 6:30 p.m. tomorrow. The unrated division is set at 9 a.m. on Oct. 6 and will use the twenty-five minute time control.

Interested parties are advised to proceed at the venue site at least one hour before the tournament starts or call MCC at 826-8560 or 0916-852-1069.

ASIAD ROUNDUP

Japan tanker rips 10-yr world mark

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Oct. 3, 2002
(Korea time, 1 hour ahead of RP time)

Swimming

10 a.m.—M. Molina, 100m free (heats)

J. Guerrero, women's 200m breast (heats)

Lizza Danila, women's 400m free (heats)

Note: Finals of these events start at 7 p.m.

Baseball

2 p.m.—Philippines vs Japan (Preliminary round)

Billiards

10 a.m.—R. Grandea, partie libre singles (pre-quarterfinals, depending on results in previous round); Efren Reyes, LV Corteza, 8-ball pool singles (pre-quarterfinals, depending on results in previous round)

1 p.m.—Partie libre singles (pre-quarterfinals, depending on results in previous round); 8-ball pool singles (pre-quarterfinals, depending on results in previous round)

4 p.m.—Partie libre singles (pre-quarterfinals); 8-ball pool singles (semifinals)

7 p.m.—Partie libre singles (quarterfinals); 8-ball pool singles (3rd, 4th finals)

Bodybuilding

10 to 11:30 a.m.—R. Cortuna Jr. (preliminary)

1:30 to 2:50 p.m.—Alfredo Trazona Jr. (preliminary)

Bowling

9 a.m. to 12 noon and 5 to 8 p.m.—RJ Bautista, C King, P Nepomuceno, L Rey Jr., E Rivera, CJ Suarez, men's singles (squads A and B)

1 to 4 p.m.—J Canare, L Clutario, L del Rosario, I Garcia-Benitez, KA Lopez, C Yap, women's singles

Boxing

2 p.m.—F Gamo vs winner of W Abdullah (Syria)-Khidirov Bekzod (Uzbekistan), 54 kg. second round

Cycling

10 a.m. to 3 p.m.—V Espiritu, M Ramos Jr., 200km individual road race (finals)

Golf

9 a.m.—J Delariarte, M Dizon, J Pagunsan, A Que, men's team/individual (first round)

10: 30 a.m.—H Chua, RD Quiazon, C Villaroman, women's team/individual (first round)

Gymnastics

6 to 7:40 p.m.—C de Guzman, PD Espiritu, women's individual all-around (finals, depending on the results of the qualifying competition)

Judo

2 to 8 p.m.—A Pulia, 60kg; J Baylon, Open (preliminary, repechage, semifinal round, finals); N Quilotes, women's 48kg; AM Ano, Open (preliminary, repechage, semifinal, finals)

Rowing

10 a.m.—A Amposta/N Cordova, lightweight double sculls (finals)

Sailing

11 a.m.—R Balladares, R Chavez, JJ Villena, L Taroja, all classes, men/women, 1st, 2nd races

Shooting

9 to 10:15 a.m.—T Cantada, women's 10m air pistol

9:30 a.m.—J Dionisio, E Ang, J Recio, men's trap, 50 targets (second day)

1 p.m.—Women's 10m air pistol (finals)

4 p.m.—Men's trap, 25 targets (finals)

By Phil Brown
AP Writer

BUSAN, South Korea—Japanese swimmer Kosuke Kitajima found a way to divert attention from China's flood of gold medals at the Asian Games on Wednesday. He broke a 10-year-old world record.

China, meanwhile, won 21 of the day's 31 gold medals, set world records in shooting and weightlifting, swept all six rowing races and won seven of eight shooting golds. In swimming, it won four of six races.

That gave the Chinese a four-day total of 36 golds to 13 for Japan and 10 for South Korea.

Even before they had a chance to compete, three Malaysian sepak takraw players were ordered home for testing positive for morphine, the nation's delegation chief, Khalid Yunus, said Wednesday.

The action was based on tests administered earlier in Kuala Lumpur. There have been no positive doping tests reported so far at the games.

Kitajima, back from an elbow injury that kept him out of the 200-meter breaststroke in last month's Pan Pacific Championships, set a fast early pace and finished the event in 2 minutes, 09.97 seconds.

That beat the oldest record in men's swimming, the 2:10.16 set by American Mike Barrowman at the 1992 Barcelona Olympics. It put Kitajima 3.63 seconds ahead of teammate Daisuke Kimura, the silver medalist.

Kitajima, bronze medalist at 200 meters in last year's world championships, won the 100-meter breaststroke here Monday.

"I've been working toward this for a long time and I don't feel as though I've even reached my limit," Kitajima said. "I think I can swim even faster."

Japan gained other golds from Shunichi Fujita, winner of the men's 400-meter freestyle, and from its world champion synchronized swimming pair, Miya Tachibana and Miho Takeda. Tachibana had won the solo gold Tuesday.

South Korea won three of the day's four judo golds, ending Japan's run of four consecutive men's victories. Another gold came from Kim Yong-mi's photo finish victory over Indonesia's Uyun Muzizah in the women's 96.8-kilometer cycling road race.

North Korea had three golds. It won the only shooting event not won by China Wednesday—in women's team trap shooting—and took a judo gold too.

Kazakstan handed China a setback in fencing, beating the Chinese for gold in the men's epee team event. But China won the foil team event, beating South Korea in the final.

China's golds for the day also included two in weightlifting, where Le Maosheng set a world record of 182.5 kilograms in clean and jerk en route to winning the men's 62-kilogram division and Zhou Yan won the women's 58-kilogram class.

It won the women's gymnastics team gold, outscoring North Korea 147.750 to 138.825.

China's women swimmers won all three of their races Wednesday, with Zhan Shu taking the 100 backstroke, Xu Yanwei the 100 freestyle and Zhou Yafei the 100 butterfly. The men's 400-meter freestyle relay quartet also won.

In rowing, Japan's Hitoshi Hase fared best against the Chinese, finishing four seconds behind Zhu Zhifu in the men's lightweight single sculls. Zhu led by only half a second at the halfway point but pulled away over the last 500 meters of the 2,000-meter race.

It was the 51st victory in 53 Asian Games rowing races for China, which won all 11 rowing golds in the 1998 games.

KITAJIMA (left) clenches his fist after breaking the world record in the 200m breaststroke en route to winning the Asian Games gold medal. AP

ASIAN GAMES MEDAL STANDINGS

COUNTRY	G	S	B	TOTAL
China	36	16	10	62
Japan	13	17	15	45
South Korea	10	12	8	40
N. Korea	3	4	4	11
Kazakstan	2	0	4	6
Thailand	1	4	3	8
India	1	1	1	3
Chinese Taipei	0	3	3	6
Hong Kong	0	2	2	4
Myanmar	0	2	1	3
Uzbekistan	0	1	5	6
Mongolia	0	1	5	6
Indonesia	0	1	2	3
Iran	0	1	2	3
Turkmenistan	0	1	1	2
Kyrgyzstan	0	1	0	1
Vietnam	0	0	1	1

*As of 8 p.m.

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Women sports congress on

LAWYER Katrina Legarda, the country's leading legal expert on family law and an advocate for women causes, leads an impressive array of lecturers and presenters in the upcoming 1st Philippine Congress on Women and Sports at the newly built Tagaytay Convention Center, Tagaytay City, on Nov. 21-24.

The battery of resource speakers will include several luminaries of the sporting and fitness world. Bong Coo, the only Filipina bowler who has won world titles (FIQ and World Cup) as well as a record five Asian Games gold medals will be sharing personal challenges, and inspirations and recounting her experiences as a bowler and business woman.

Coo will be joined in the technical sessions by two-time Asian Games sprint queen Lydia de Vega-Mercado (from athletics to politics), champion tennister Dyan Castillejo (from tennis to media), equestrienne Mike Cojuangco-Jaworski (playing and motherhood) and TV and movie star Jackielou Blanco (from movies to fitness buff).

Cards rip D'backs in Game 1

PHOENIX—Jim Edmonds and Scott Rolen each hit monster two-run homers Tuesday as the St. Louis Cardinals dealt the Arizona Diamondbacks a 12-2 thrashing in the opener of their National League division series.

Arizona's Randy Johnson was hit for a season-worst 10 hits in six innings.

Matt Morris, wearing the number "57" and initials of late teammate Darryl Kile written on his hat, settled down after a shaky start to get the victory, something he failed to do in two outstanding outings against Arizona in last year's division series."We've got a lot of desire and a lot of heart," Morris said. "And it seemed to pay off today."

The Diamondbacks, meanwhile, looked nothing like the calm, efficient World Series champions, especially the Johnson.

From the start, Johnson was not his scowling, intimidating self. His fastball never topped 153 kph (95 mph). *AP*

Yankees subdue Angels, 8-5

NEW YORK—Jason Giambi hit a tying single with two outs in the eighth inning and Bernie Williams followed with a three-run homer Tuesday as New York beat the Anaheim Angels 8-5 in Game 1 of the American League division series.

"Thank God I'm in this dugout and not the other," said Giambi, who lost to the Yankees in the first round the past two seasons with Oakland. "I've been there too many times."

Showing the same flair for the dramatic that fueled last year's postseason run to Game 7 of the World Series, the Yankees rallied to win in the eighth inning and spoil the Angels' first postseason game in 16 years.

After Troy Glaus' second homer put Anaheim ahead 5-4 in the top of the eighth, the Yankees rallied to win their sixth straight postseason game at home. Four of the wins have come on last at-bat homers.

"Even when Glaus hit the homer, it never was a situation where guys went, 'oh.' You never feel the wind taken out of the sails on this ballclub," Giambi said. *AP*

Asian Xtour at Global City slated tomorrow

ESPN's 2002 Asian Xtour, Asia's most presitigious and eagerly anticipated action sports event, unfolds with the fourth of its six-city tour tomorrow, Friday, in Manila.

The event, presented by Toyota, will take place at Bonifacio Global City up to Sunday, Oct. 6.

The event is expected to attract hundreds of action sports athletes from across the Philippines. Winners in the three sport categories of Aggressive Inline Skating, Skateboarding and Bicycle Stunt will represent the Philippines in the Asian X Games V and ESPN Junior X Games IV, both of which will be held in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, in January 2003.

Qualified winners at the regional event will go on to compete in ESPN's Summer X Games IX in the United States, the pinnacle of action sports competition.

In order to accommodate the growing number of athletes and spectators alike, as well as allow the athletes to experience the professionally designed park course for a longer period of time, the regular two-day event will now open a day earlier on Friday, Oct. 4.

As with all X Games-related events, the admission is free to the public.

The 2002 Asian Xtour Manila is also backed by Adidas and Malaysian Airlines. The 2002 Asian Xtour Manila is promoted and organized by ESPN International and ESPN Star Sports.

Fed-Ex Cup

THE COUNTRY'S leading junior tennis players are invited to join the Airfreight 2100 Fed-Ex Cup, a Group 2 event slated for Oct. 5-6 and Oct. 11-13 at the Rizal Memorial Tennis Center.

Registration is ongoing at the Philta office c/o Loida Mallare (tel. no. 525-6434).

Entry deadline is set today at 12 noon with the draw to follow at 2 p.m.

Events on tap are Boys and Girls 18, 16, 14, 12 and 10 Unisex. Entry fee is P200 per category.

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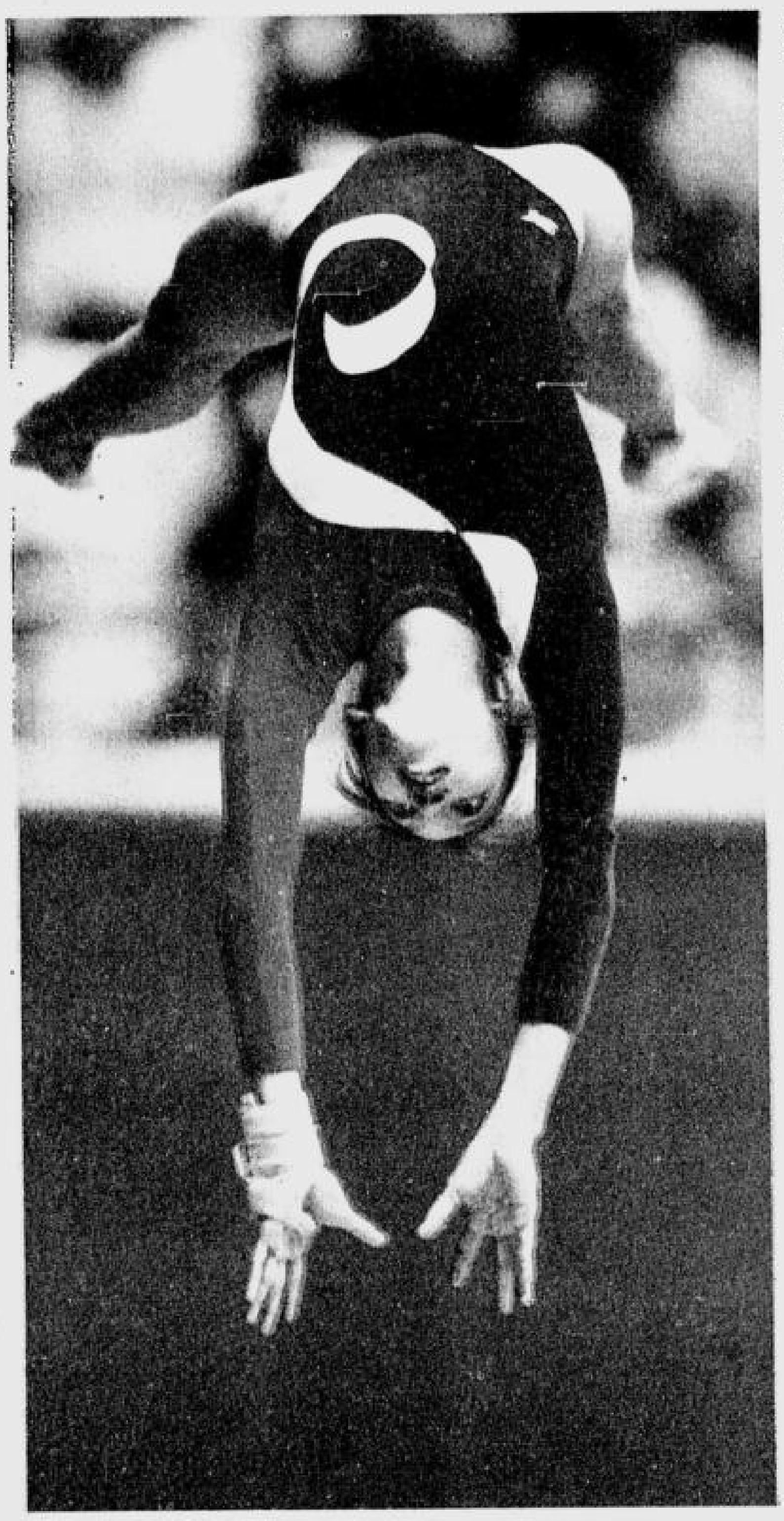
Pinoy boxers hurdle opening bouts



UP IN THE AIR

Cintamoni De Guzman of the Philippines performs her beam exercise during the women's team event of the gymnastics competition at the Asian Games in Busan yesterday. REUTERS

By Al S. Mendoza
Sports Editor

BUSAN, South Korea—The veteran and the rookie boxed their way yesterday to the next round in the Asian Games here, but the victories were not enough to make boxing president Manny Lopez happy.

"It's just the start. It's too early to celebrate," said Lopez of the victories of Asiad veteran Romeo Brin and Harry Tanamor, both lefties.

"We didn't get the luck of the draw so it's going to be tough all the way," added Lopez.

The youthful Abap president said the boys should really be very careful in "all their bouts," reminding of the hosts' penchant to grab boxing gold medals in bundles in when fights are held in their turf.

The sad-memory of the 1986 Seoul Asiad continues to haunt Lopez as the Koreans won all 12 gold medals staked in that Asiad in a shameless show of greed powered by spotty officiating.

But to many, the wins of Brin and Tanamor were rays of hope in light of boxing's no-gold performance in the 1998 Bangkok Asiad.

"I hope the boys can maintain their form," said coach Boy Velasco in Filipino. "All the fighters here look fit and they seem to be evenly-matched."

Brin, a Sydney Olympian, rallied in the final round with body punches to defeat Mongolia's Bayanmunkh Bayarjargal, 20-16.

Tanamor decorated his victory by flooring Myanmar's Kyaw Swar Aung with a solid left straight to the jaw late in the second round.

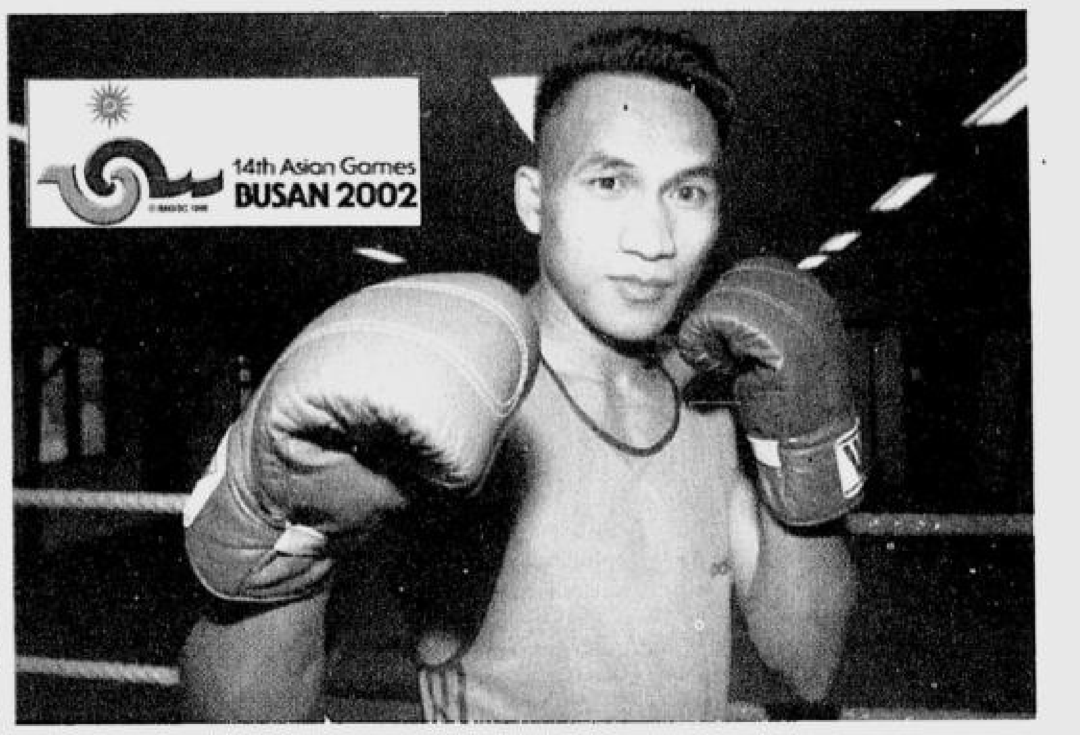
The first-time Asian Gamer went on to post a one-sided 25-7 victory that somehow elicited some degree of praise from Lopez.

"The opposition is tough so that Tanamor's victory, plus Brin's win should inspire the rest to give it their best all the way," said Lopez, who is rebuilding his once-admired boxing team from the ruins of the Sydney Olympics where the country lost a potential medal due to a tactical coaching error by then Cuban coach Raul Liranza Fernandez.

Tanamor had the easier outing that Brin, virtually toying with his foe and giving him lessons in weaving, embellishing it with a hit-and-run style.

Brin had some problems early in the fight against the Mongolian, who loved to initiate infighting during the entire four rounds.

"*Nanibago si* Romy *dahil panay pasok ng kalaban*," said Velasco.



BRIN: Big rally. JESS YUSON

"Luckily, Romy's punches connected in the late rounds."

It's Ferdie Gamo's turn to climb the ring today as he faces the winner of the fight between Syria's Wabbeh Abdulla and Uzbekistan's Khidirov Bekzod.

It was a wretched afternoon for Mongolia as Tserennadmid Munkhchuluun also lost on points to Syrian lightweight Hamidi Yousef.

On a day that fancied teams Thailand and South Korea enjoyed a day off, New Asian boxing powers Uzbekistan and Kazakhstan put in useful opening day wins.

Uzbekistan and Kyrgyzstan marched in step with the Philippines as Uzbek Bahid Sarsekbaev took out Laotian light welterweight Udone Khanxay in the second round.

The referee also stepped in 67 seconds into the third round to stop Bekzod Khidirov from inflicting further punishment on the outclassed Sri Lankan M.D.K. Wanniarachchi. The Sri Lankan landed just three punches while taking 18 from the Uzbek bantam.

Kyrgyzstan's light welterweight Yusup Bekov Muzaffar knocked out Hoi Vai-tat of Macau 54 seconds into the first round. Kyrgystan's featherweight Abdullaev Jahongir was an easy 17-4 points winner over Ram Chandra Thapa Magar of Nepal.

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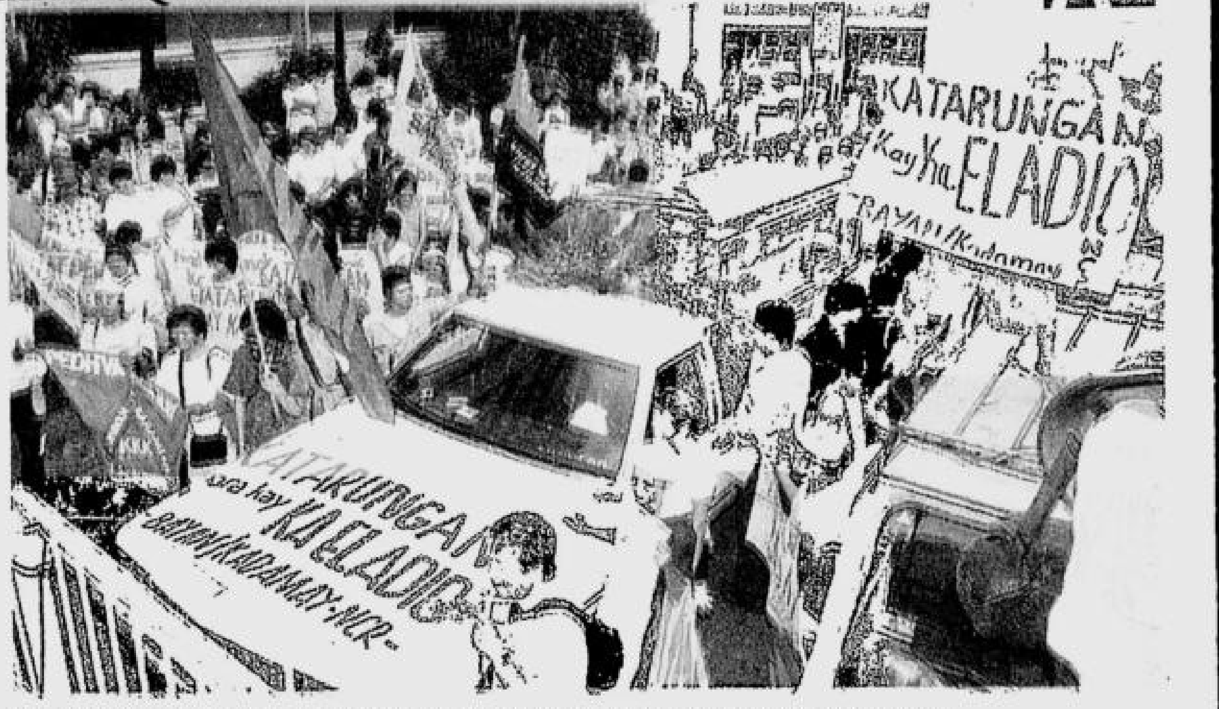
Justice, P4 M for vendors

By Leila B. Salaverria and Christian V. Esguerra



MILITANTS parade the body of slain vendor Eladio Tuarca in front of the MMDA office.

ERIK ARAZAS

CRYING for justice, militant groups yesterday brought the body of slain vendor Eladio Tuacar in front of the office of the Metro Manila Development Authority in Makati.

Bayan Muna Party List Rep. Crispin Beltran also told Fernando that he should stop terrorizing the urban poor if he wants to become Vice President in 2004 even as he demanded that the MMDA pay illegal vendors at least P4 million for confiscating and destroying their goods during clearing operations from August to September.

The protesters said they want MMDA Chair Bayani Fernando to see the woes his clearing operation on the sidewalks had brought to the vendors and other urban poor groups.

As Tuacar's casket was removed from the hearse and opened for viewing in front of the MMDA's office, a vendor, apparently addressing Fernando, shouted in Filipino: "Is this what you want? Look at what you have done to my colleague."

Tuacar was gunned down by SPO2 Sabado Pujeda during a clearing operation of the MMDA in Makati.

Police said Tuacar had fired first at Pujeda who was with the demolition team. This prompted Pujeda to shoot back at the vendor, police said.

Tuacar's first wife, Delia, wept beside her husband's coffin as she called on the president to help seek justice for her husband.

"Berdugo *ka* Fernando (You are a butcher, Fernando)," she said. "*Sa ating presidente, bigyan mo ng katarungan ang pagkamatay ng aking asawa. Hindi kami kriminal* (Ms President, help me seek justice for my husband's death. We are not criminals.),"

Tuacar's eldest child, Ruth, 25, also asked for justice for her father.

Tuacar's second wife Rolayda also attended the rally.

Tuacar's body was later brought to Magallanes in Makati for the final night of the wake before his burial tomorrow in Quezon City.

The militant groups said that they would continue with their protests until Fernando stops his sidewalk clearing operations and steps down from the MMDA.

Bayan-NCR spokesperson Ron Hubbard said in statement that the President should be condemned as well for Tuacar's killing.

But MMDA Deputy Chair Cesar Lacuna said yesterday that the MMDA cannot stop the clearing operations.

"If we give in to the pressure (from vendors), what will happen (to Metro Manila)?" he said.

Lacuna also said that the killing of Tuacar is a police matter. He said the police officer may have been forced to shoot Tuacar out of defense or fear because the vendor fired his gun first.

"In the first place, why did the vendor have a gun?" he asked.

As to the vendors' allegations that Tuacar was shot in the back, Lacuna said there is a proper court in which to prove that.

Bayan Muna's Beltran said that paying the vendors P4 million is the least of what the MMDA owes the vendors after the agency seized and destroyed their goods.

"There is no compensation big enough to make up for the attacks sustained by the working people's dignity and human rights," he said.

Beltran also said the MMDA's operations have affected the livelihood of 30,000 vendors, as well as snuffed out the lives of two.

Beltran's group and other militant organizations are up in arms after Malacañang floated the idea that Fernando could be the running mate of President Macapagal-Arroyo in the national elections in 2004.

But Fernando told the INQUIRER on Tuesday that he would rather become a janitor than vice president in 2004.

Beltran said that if Fernando decides to pursue a higher political post, the MMDA chairs growing antagonism toward the poor would only dash his hopes, including the President's chance of winning her first presidential election.

"What the MMDA is doing are frontal attacks against the poor and (the) working people's basic human right to livelihood," Beltran said. "These attacks...will surely translate (into) more dips in the Arroyo administration's popularity ratings.

Lacson cops nabbed

By TJ Burgonio

LACSON

THREE policemen, including two security details of Sen. Panfilo "Ping" Lacson, have been charged for the fatal shooting of a fellow policeman while they were traveling in a car in Muntinlupa last Friday.

Police on Monday filed murder charges against SPO4 Miguel Nepomuceno, PO1 Raul Ballado and PO2 Edgardo Mangulabnan before the prosecutor's office in connection with the killing of SPO1 Norwell Cruz, according to a police report.

Nepomuceno of the National Capital Region Police Office; Ballado and Mangulabnan, who were detailed with Lacson's office, surrendered to the Muntinlupa police after the incident.

The motive for the killing has yet to be established, police said.

Lacson declined to comment on the case.

His aide, Gerry de Belen, said the senator did not want to issue any statement because "he was not privy" to the incident.

"He was already home when the incident happened," De Belen said.

The shooting occurred while the four policemen were on board a Toyota Revo and were cruising along the Alabang-Zapote road in Muntinlupa at about 11 p.m. on Friday last week, the report said.

The policemen had come from Baclaran in Parañaque and were on their way to Muntinlupa City. Along the way, Nepomuceno and Cruz had a heated argument which turned violent, the report said.

The report did not say the cause of the argument.

Police noted that the vehicle had blood stains on the floor but "there was no evidence of splinter and sign of commotion to prove the occurrence of a shooting rampage."

The suspects' service firearms had been submitted for ballistic tests.

Police, city officials blame each other for theft of 28 benches

By Philip C. Tubeza

POLICE and Manila City Hall officials yesterday blamed each other for the theft of 28 wooden benches along Roxas Boulevard.

"They're passing the buck to the police," said a high-ranking official of the Western Police District. "The city engineer's office should also be made to answer for what happened.

"This has happened in Plaza Moriones before. But still they did not follow our suggestion that these benches should be bolted to the ground," the officer added.

He said the engineer's office should also be made to answer reports that the benches stolen along Roxas Boulevard were left in a dark portion of the boulevard.

"Look at the benches in Rajah Sulayman, we don't have a problem there because it's well lighted," the WPD official said.

The 28 benches, worth P1,500 each, were stolen from the stretch between the US Embassy and Rajah Sulayman Park in front of the Malate Church last week.

But a city hall official said that low police visibility emboldened the thieves to steal the benches.

The suspects allegedly even used two trucks to haul the benches.

He said the police should increase its patrols to prevent these thefts from happening again.

Manila councilor Don Ramon Bagatsing agreed, adding that the city's lamp posts might be stolen next if the police are not alert.

"Where were the foot patrols? (WPD Director) Chief (Supt. Pedro) Bulaong should bring them back. The (bench) thefts were brazen," Bagatsing said.

A witness told police that he saw the plate number of one of the two trucks that hauled the seats away.

Police have traced the whereabouts of the truck to a place in Bulacan.

Court orders Mawanay arrest

By Philip C. Tubeza

THE MANILA Regional Trial Court issued an arrest warrant against Angelo "Ador" Mawanay after he failed to attend his arraignment for the estafa case against him last Sept. 26.

Branch 55 Judge Hermogenes R. Liwag issued the warrant. Mawanay's lawyer also did not show up during the arraignment.

"For failure of the accused to appear in the arraignment and pre-trial despite notice, on motion of the prosecution, the bailbond posted for his provisional liberty is hereby ordered cancelled and forfeited in favor of the government," Liwag said.

Businesswomen Susan Amego filed an estafa case against Mawanay after the controversial government agent allegedly failed to deliver the cellular phones he promised.

Mawanay allegedly introduced himself as a Bureau of Customs employee and promised to deliver the cell phones after Amego gave a P25,000 downpayment.

The defendant became famous after he appeared before the Senate last year to denounce the alleged involvement of Senator Panfilo Lacson in drug trafficking and money laundering.

But his credibility suffered a blow when, among others, he accused Sen. Loren Legarda of being involved in cell phone smuggling.

Besides being a former Presidential Anti-Organized Task Force agent, Mawanay was also selling cell phones.

Judge Liwag also ordered that the trial be suspended until Mawanay is arrested.

Liwag is set to ask the National Bureau of Investigation, Philippine National Police, and the Criminal Investigation and Detection Group to arrest Mawanay.

Witnesses sought in motorcycle death

THE FAMILY of Dexter Ledesma, 34, who was killed in a motorcycle mishap on the South Expressway, is looking for witnesses to the accident.

Ledesma was traveling on the north bound lane of the expressway between 2 and 3 p.m. on Sept. 2 and was about 500 to 700 meters past the Mapagong overpass when he was killed. Witnesses or anyone who has information on the accident may call tel. no. 853-0439, 373-7236 or cell phone number 0917-982-3566.

Solon blocks water hike

By Christine O. Avendano

A PARTY list representative yesterday urged his colleagues in the House representing the National Capital Region to block the bid of two water concessionaires in Metro Manila from "extremely increasing" their water rates and scaling down their services.

In a privilege speech, CIBAC Rep. Joel Villanueva said that the proposed increases sought by the Lopez-owned Maynilad Water Services and the Ayala-owned Manila Water Co., Inc. were 100 and 200 percent higher from current rates.

He said that this means that Maynilad areas will be charged from P15.46 per cubic meter to P31.30, and areas of Manila Water, from P6.75 to P19.64.

"I call on the congressmen of the NCR and the regions within the MWSS service area to protect their constituents by engaging in the upcoming public hearings on the rate re-basing and not allow these concessionaires to extremely increase the water tariffs and at the same time reduce their services," Villanueva said.

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Rosell, Castiliogne, Griffin, Crawford and Roxas are in the immigration bureau's rogues gallery of foreigners working in the country without a permit.

BI hunts down 5 more stars

By Blanche Rivera

BENT on hunting down undocumented foreign artists in the country, the Bureau of Immigration has ordered the arrest of five more models and sexy stars.

Close Up model Rafael Rosell IV, singer Billy Jose Crawford and sexy stars Maureen Larazabal, Amanda Griffin and Ladine Roxas were all given a week to appear before the immigration bureau or be arrested.

Immigration Commissioner Andrea Domingo yesterday gave the ultimatum to the celebrities as she signed the mission order to locate them.

The BI is also doing a background check on 40 other foreign artists and athletes who are suspected of working without permit.

Domingo yesterday also ordered Canadian actress and model Nancy Castiliogne, a contract star of GMA-7, to pay P100,000 for working without permit.

The BI chief, however, recalled the mission order for model and former TV host Mark Nelson after he presented his work permit at the BI office in Intramuros yesterday.

Castiliogne and her lawyer also appeared at the BI office and admitted that Castiliogne had been working without the proper visa.

Immigration records showed that Castiliogne, Crawford, Rosell IV, Larazabal, Griffin and Roxas had entered the country as tourists and had never applied for a work visa since their arrival.

Crawford, who has not been based in Manila for several years now, is a contract artist of BMG Records (Pilipinas), with whom he has released two albums.

Crawford shuttles between Europe and the United States to promote his solo international album.

He is now filming in Spain for the prequel of "The Exorcist," with actor Liam Neeson.

Roxas, a former host of a GMA 7 program, is also an international recording artist based in the United Kingdom, where she released her solo album.

Roxas was the 2001 Voice of Asia grand prix winner.

Griffin was a former VJ of Channel V, where she used to anchor her own program.

Larrazabal is a mainstay of the GMA 7 gag show, "Bubble Gang."

Earlier, Vanessa del Bianco, and Filipino-American brothers Troy and KC Montero were also fined P100,000 each for working illegally in the Philippines.

Del Bianco and Troy Montero were allowed to stay, pending their application for work visas.

But Domingo has ordered KC Montero to immediately leave the country after he paid an undetermined fine.

QC inmates get P2 perk for meals

By Agnes E. Donato

INMATES at the Quezon City Jail may now enjoy a candy-dessert after every meal, thanks to Mayor Feliciano Belmonte Jr. who recently signed an executive order increasing the daily food subsidy of prisoners by two pesos.

The order, which was signed on Sept. 25 and took effect on Tuesday, raised the city government's daily meal allowance for each inmate from P8 to P10.

According to Quezon City jail warden Supt. Emilio Culang, each detainee also gets a P30 meal allowance from the Bureau of Jail Management and Penology (BJMP).

"There is a need to increase the daily food allowance of the prisoners in order to improve their living condition," Belmonte said in his order.

He maintained that the P38 food allowance previously allocated to prisoners was not enough to meet their nutritional needs. He noted that the prices of basic commodities had "tremendously increased" since 1994, when the amount of food subsidy was last adjusted.

The executive order stemmed from a resolution proposed by city councilors Restituto Malangen, Ramon Medalla, Eric Medina and Jorge Banal.

On his part, Culang welcomed the two-peso increase, saying the inmates needed it.

"Two pesos may not be much, but it will help," the jail warden told the INQUIRER.

He said that jail administrators are having a hard time making do with the P38 allocation for each prisoner, but he added that they try to serve meat, chicken and vegetables once in a while.

Most inmates, he added, rely on visitors for additional food.

There are currently around 2,000 inmates in the Quezon City Jail.

They have been accused of various crimes which range from the petty to the heinous. Almost all of them still have cases pending in court.

Bayani Fernando, hero to Silent Majority

ON TARGET

Ramon Tulfo

SOME rich people in this country abuse their exalted social status by oppressing the poor.

But it's not only the wealthy that are sometimes abusive. Some poor people, too, are abusive. They hide under the cloak of poverty to violate laws or make other people miserable.

Among this type of abusive poor are the squatters and sidewalk vendors.

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The squatters, as we all know, are protected by the stupid Lina Law. That law mandates that government agencies or private entities that own lots where there are squatters can only evict the intruders after finding a place for their relocation.

The illegal vendors of Metro Manila, on the other hand, occupy the sidewalks that are meant for pedestrians. Because they have appropriated the sidewalks for themselves, pedestrians take to the streets causing traffic jams and accidents.

When the laws are applied without fear or favor on these people, they cry foul. They run to the leftists, who are rebels without a cause, and have these people fight for them.

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Bayani Fernando, Metro Manila Development Authority (MMDA) chair, is called "anti-poor" and "fascist" by sidewalk vendors and their leftist sympathizers.

Fernando's crime against these abusive poor is to make Metro Manila's streets safe for pedestrians and for traffic to run smoothly.

Fernando, who made Marikina City one of the cleanest and most orderly in the country, should not be daunted by the pressure being put to bear on him by this vociferous sector of our society. He should take consolation from the fact that majority of the citizenry supports him.

Mabuhay ka, Bayani! You are a hero to Metro Manila's Silent Majority.

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United Drug, the biggest supplier of medicines in government hospitals, has a lot of improvement to make on their quality control.

A Biñan, Laguna housewife, Catherine Peralta, bought two bottles of Ceelin, a vitamin C syrup, from the Mercury Drugstore in Sta. Rosa, Laguna, for her four-year-old kid. Ceelin is a favorite vitamin C preparation for children.

But when Ms Peralta shook one of the bottles prior to opening it, she found dead ants floating inside. She tried the other bottle; still she found plenty of dead ants floating on the syrup.

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Taking the two bottles to Pediatrica Inc., a United Drugs subsidiary, she was told that the company would only replace it.

She had demanded that Pediatrica withdraw all the Ceelin of the same lot from the shelves of all pharmaceutical outlets throughout the country. She said she didn't want her fellow consumers to become a victim of the company's carelessness in the handling of the vitamin C preparation.

Pediatrica ignored her demand.

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So, off she went to the Bureau of Food and Drugs (BFAD) to file a complaint against the drug company.

BFAD took its own sweet time to attend to Ms Peralta's complaint probably because some of its officials used to be executives of United Drug. Or, most probably, some of them receive perks from the pharmaceutical company.

Impatient over the delay in the disposition of her complaint, Peralta came to us at "Isumbong mo kay Tulfo" public service radio-TV program.

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When I called up BFAD, it was then I learned that its director, Dr. William Torres, had been newly replaced by Dr. Leticia Barbara Gutierrez, a professor at the University of the Philippines.

Professor Gutierrez promised to look into Ms Peralta's complaint immediately.

I hope, Ma'am, you will not be intimidated by the pharmaceutical giant.

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Since Gutierrez was not recruited from the ranks of a giant local drug firm, as Torres was, let's hope she prods her subordinates to speed up the approval of basic medicines imported from India.

These India-manufactured medicines are very cheap but of the same quality as those made here by well-known drug companies. In fact, India medicines have the same brands as those made in the country, only they're much, much cheaper.

The Department of Trade, through the Philippine International Trading Corp., has been importing cheap basic medicines from India to bring down the prices of medicines in the market.

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But the India-made medicines arrive in trickles in the market. Therefore, most poor patients in government hospitals, where they are distributed, are not able to avail themselves of the cheap medicines.

Now that Gutierrez is at the helm of BFAD, let's hope she has the welfare of poor patients in mind instead of the profits of the big pharmaceutical firms which give perks to officials who favor them.

Navotas driver tries to rape 3 women at the same time

By Tina Santos

POLICEMEN are now hunting down a 39-year-old jeepney driver for allegedly trying to rape three women all at the same time early yesterday morning in Navotas.

The three victims went to the headquarters of the Northern Police District's Criminal Investigation and Detection Group and lodged a complaint against Renato Regal, a resident of Ilang-Ilang Street, North Bay Boulevard, South Navotas.

The oldest of the women, aged 31, told investigators that she and her nieces, aged 19 and 16, were asleep in their house at around 1:30 a.m. when Regal sneaked into their room.

The victim told police that Regal, who was reeking of liquor at the time, must have learned that her husband, a security guard, was out on duty that night.

Police said Regal was armed with a knife and wasted no time in molesting his victims.

He reportedly jumped in the bed of the eldest woman, while he tried to grope the other two victims who were then asleep beside their aunt.

But the victim said they were able to fight off the suspect and screamed for help from their neighbors, frightening away the suspect who turned tail and ran.

Neighborly spat leads to stabbing in Payatas

By Alcuin Papa

A MEASLY P300 debt cost a vendor his life yesterday morning in Quezon City.

Arnold Bernales, 45, a vendor of Phase 2, Purok 4, Payatas, Quezon City died on the spot after he was stabbed several times, police said.

After the stabbing, suspect Romeo Cinco, 32, surrendered himself to police.

According to a report from the Central Police District's Criminal Investigation Unit, Cinco asked Bernales to pay back the money he owed when the two met each other in an alley at around 4 a.m.

But Bernales reportedly told his neighbor that he did not have the money with him at the moment, and promised Cinco he would settle the debt later.

This neighborly exchange led to a bitter argument, until the suspect lost his temper, pulled out a bladed weapon and stabbed Bernales repeatedly, police said.

At the police station, the suspect admitted to the crime and said he was fed up trying to collect money from the victim.

On Tuesday night, another man was stabbed in Quezon City under mysterious circumstances.

The victim was identified as Romeo Santanez, 47, of Ilagan Street, Barangay Paltok, Quezon City.

Police said suspect Eric Vertinio stabbed Santanez in front of his house at around 7 p.m.

Reports said the victim was standing in front of his house when Vertinio suddenly appeared and stabbed Santanez in the body.

The suspect immediately fled when concerned citizens appeared and tried to bring the victim to the Quezon City General Hospital.

The victim was declared dead on arrival, police said.

Quezon City policemen are now looking for the suspect.

Cop sacked for insulting woman Napolcom official

By Leila B. Salaverria

FOR badmouthing an officer of the National Police Commission, an official of the Philippine National Police was ordered dismissed.

Napolcom Vice-Chair Rogelio Pureza yesterday ordered the filing of summary dismissal proceedings against Supt. Feliciano A. Caranguian, director of the 1st Police Mobile Group (PMG) of Aparri, Cagayan, for allegedly berating and insulting Engineer Merivina Maribojoc, a team leader of the Napolcom's Installation and Logistics Service (ILS).

Maribojoc, in her complaint letter, said Caranguian insulted her when she and other Napolcom staff members and police escorts conducted a technical inspection and physical inventory of existing PNP facilities, properties, installations and ongoing construction projects in the Cagayan province.

The group decided to spend the night in the PMG office in Aparri, and upon arriving there, Maribojoc introduced herself to Caranguian. But the engineer said that Caranguian, instead of introducing himself, questioned the group about the outcome of the previous inspections done in the region.

Maribojoc said she told the police officer that the PNP must first secure a lot from the local government unit before the Napolcom can recommend that funding be given for certain projects. But she said that Caranguian insisted on learning the outcome of the inspections, insisting that the Napolcom officer should be in the know.

"I was not able to make any comment despite his litany of displeasures," Maribojoc said in her letter. "What I remember most is his insulting remark about the inspection being carried out by the Napolcom; that despite several inspections in the past, nothing good happens.

"(Caranguian's) verbal assault was directed not only to me but also to the Napolcom. He questioned procedures and insulted the whole system by which the government operates."

She also said that she could not help but cry as she has never been subjected to such treatment.

She said the police officer asked her if the reason she is not answering his questions is because he is not a general.

The Napolcom official added that she noticed that Caranguian reeked of liquor when he raised his voice to ask for her name.

"Ano ba ang pangalan mo? I'm asking you, sumagot ka! Sumagot ka (answer me)!" Maribojoc quoted Caranguian as saying.

To end the unpleasant exchange, Maribojoc said she told Caranguian that the two of them should talk before Napolcom and PNP officials.

The next day, Casanguian admitted that he was at fault before Napolcom Region 2 Director Isidro Siriban and ILS Director Cleto Suarilla.

He was directed to write a letter of apology to the Napolcom and to Maribojoc.

6 suspected car thieves arrested in Fairview

By Alcuin Papa

SIX SUSPECTED car thieves were arrested yesterday morning for stripping apart a passenger bus in Quezon City.

The suspects were identified as Arnold Alias, 33, John Dela Cruz, 19, Rolando Farinas, 39, Renato Dayota, 40, Rogelio San Juan, 24, and Gary Valdez, 26, all residents of Caloocan City.

Policemen of the Fairview station spotted the suspects in Pangarap Village, Caloocan City and promptly arrested them.

Horacio Munez, 37, operator of the Astro Liner bus company, filed a complaint against the suspects, for taking apart one of his buses parked in the Hilltop Subdivision, Quirino Hi-way, Barangay Greater Lagro, Quezon City recently.

Police seized from the suspects cutting tools, acetylene torches, various tools, an AUV van (NCP-877) and master keys.

The suspects are now detained at the Batasan Police Station while charges are being readied against them.

Meanwhile, businessman Jack Yu lost his vehicle to car thieves Tuesday night in Quezon City.

Yu, 52, of Barangay Laging Handa, Quezon City, went to the Kamuning Police Station to report the loss of his blue Toyota Revo (XCB-513).

Yu said he parked his vehicle in front of his house at around 6:30 p.m. to get medicine which he forgot to bring along.

Once inside, he was surprised to hear his car start.

He rushed outside in time to see the still unidentified suspects driving off with his vehicle.

Lawmen gun down jeepney robber on Manila bridge

CROSSING McArthur Bridge in Manila proved fatal for a jeepney robber who tried to flee from pursuing policemen Tuesday night.

The unidentified man was shot dead shortly after he and three other men robbed a passenger jeepney on Taft Avenue, said Detective Carol Macawile of the Western Police District-homicide section.

Macawile said the slain suspect was about 25 to 30 years old, had a dark complexion, stood about 5-foot-2, and was clad in white pants and a black shirt.

Macawile said after the suspect and his three cohorts robbed a Baclaran-bound jeep on the southbound lane of Taft Avenue near Intramuros at around 9 p.m. Tuesday, the victims immediately went to the Lawton Police Community Precinct to file a complaint.

Victims Cristin Miranda, 23, Benhur Santos, 27, and Maria Corazon A. Bacal, 29, told police that they saw the suspects running toward McArthur Bridge.

SPO1 Jaime Urrutia and PO3 Manolo Chingy del Rosario, both of the Lawton precinct, responded to the call and saw the robbers at the foot of the bridge. The policemen then identified themselves and ordered the four suspects to stop.

But instead of surrendering, the suspects allegedly opened fire on the lawmen.

Macawile said Urrutia and Del Rosario were forced to return fire and hit one of the robbers as he was crossing the bridge.

His three accomplices managed to escape, Macawile added.

The robber was then taken to the Ospital ng Maynila, but he was declared dead at around 10 p.m., Macawile said. *Philip Tubeza*

Axe falls on jail officers for coddling murderers

By Christian V. Esguerra

THE AXE continues to fall on Pasay jail officers following complaints that they supposedly had been coddling the alleged killers of the brother of former actress Marissa del Mar.

The Bureau of Jail Management and Penology (BJMP) has sacked Chief Insp. Jaime Silva, weeks after four of his jail guards were relieved for allegedly giving special treatment to suspected killers SPO2 Romeo Isidro and PO1 Ricardo Eusebio.

Supt. Rosendo Dial, former warden of the Mandaluyong City jail, replaced Silva, who was transferred to Valenzuela effective Tuesday, said Insp. Fermin Enriquez, chief of the BJMP-National Capital Region.

But Fermin said Silva's relief was "not necessarily" connected to the conduct of his men—SJO1 Ronieldo Unasin, SJO1 Floro Esperas, JO3 Robert Serrano, and JO1 Antonio Avila.

"It was just part of a minor revamp...it was planned as early as two months ago," Enriquez told the INQUIRER yesterday.

Since Dial has the rank of a superintendent, Enriquez said it was only appropriate that he be transferred to a "major" jail such as the one in Pasay.

The BJMP-NCR is set to file charges of grave misconduct against the four Pasay jail officers for allegedly coddling Isidro and Eusebio on at least two occasions beginning August.

Unasin, Esperas, Serrano, and Avila were moved to jails in Quezon City, San Juan, and other detention centers in Metro Manila pending the filing and resolution of the complaint against them.

After a hearing in Pasig City last Aug. 20, Serrano and Esperes were supposedly caught by ABS-CBN's "Mission X" accompanying Isidro and Eusebio to the Multinational Village in Parañaque. The murder suspects were allegedly not handcuffed and were allowed to use a privately owned vehicle.

In another incident early last month, Unasin, Avila, and the accused allegedly proceeded to a house in Mandaluyong and later to a restaurant in Makati after a hearing in Pasig.

KEEPING TIME
Men and women with a lot of free time and very little possessions (a plastic cup, a pair of rubber slippers) have little to do but kill time, pray and think of the lengthening past and the shortening future, at the Golden Acres Home for the Aged in Quezon City. The years are gone, and so, it seems, are the children they brought up, the brothers and sisters, the loved ones.
JOAN BONDOC

5 gang men in QC turf war rounded up

By Alcuin Papa

A GANG war in Quezon City led to the arrest of five suspected members of the notorious Batang City Jail Gang in the city on Monday night, police said.

Two of the arrested suspects were identified as Edwin Africa, 29, of Davao Street, Pael Compound, Culiat, Quezon City and Elmer Lanteza, 23, of Iriga Street, Pael Compound.

Authorities said three minors, two 17-year-old boys and another aged 15, all residents of Pael Compound, Quezon City, were included in the police roundup.

According to a report of Senior Insp. Rodolfo Jaraza, chief of the Central Police District's intelligence unit, the five suspects were arrested at around 9 p.m. on Visayas Avenue, Barangay Vasra, Quezon City.

According to the report, around 20 Batang City Jail members were sowing terror in the area, brandishing improvised shotguns and mauling anyone who happen to pass by.

The group reportedly was trying to hunt down members of a rival group, the 9-Ball Gang, to avenge the death of a BCJ gang mate who was allegedly killed earlier by rival gang members.

Responding policemen questioned three men who were allegedly beaten up by the gang men.

They were identified as Ronald Follante, an employee of the Philippine Long Distance Telephone company, Rayann Gonzales and John Nacu, both employees of a nearby Jollibee branch.

The three victims were later taken to the East Avenue Medical Center for treatment of their injuries.

When the policemen reached Visayas Avenue, the gang men tried to make a run for it. But the lawmen were able to capture the five suspects after a brief chase.

Policemen are now preparing charges of physical injuries against the five arrested suspects, said Insp. Jaraza.

2 girls slain in Taguig drug hit

MARIZEE Licayan, 28, said to be a student of the Technological University of the Philippines, and her companion, Maria Luz Magnipon, were shot dead in Taguig on Monday in what police believe to be a drug-related hit.

Police found on the victims two plastic sachets believed to contain shabu, said PO3 Alain Sigua.

He said Licayan and Magnipon were walking near the corner of

Guevarra and A. Reyes Streets in Lower Bicutan when two men walked up from behind and shot them several times, killing them on the spot.

Authorities are looking into the possibility that the victims were killed because they were police assets in an illegal drug operation in Taguig.

Sigua said the killing could also be related to a botched drug deal. *Christian Esguerra*

Council to strike out franchises of 2-stroke trikes in Metro Manila

By Leila B. Salaverria

NO NEW franchises will be granted to two-stroke tricycles in Metro Manila as part of an effort to check air pollution levels in the metropolis.

The Metro Manila Council, composed of all mayors of the 17 cities and municipalities in Metro Manila, has passed a resolution last week urging local government units to temporarily stop granting new franchises to two-stroke tricycles by next year.

According to Director Ramon Santiago, head of the Metro Manila Development Authority's Anti-Smoke Belching Task Force, and who also presented the resolution at the last MMC meeting, the measure aims to stop adding to the pollution presently caused by approximately 120,000 two-stroke tricycles in Metro Manila.

The moratorium will only be lifted once the Department of Environment and Natural Resources comes up with standards for the amount of hydrocarbon emission permitted for this type of motor vehicle.

According to the resolution, two-stroke motor tricycles produce substantial amounts of hydrocarbons, which contribute to the smog that causes air pollution.

"Almost 95% of tricycles in Metro Manila use two-stroke motors," Santiago said in a phone interview. "Two-stroke motorcycles emit 10 times the emission of four-stroke engines. It has an impact on health."

He added the smoke emitted by two-stroke vehicles hurt the eyes and noses of those who come into contact with it, because the smoke contains traces of oil or lubricants.

The Clean Air Act, or RA 8749, does not set limits for the hydrocarbon emission of two-stroke tricycles so that a resolution is needed to combat the pollution caused by the tricycles, he said.

Earlier, the DENR labeled two-stroke tricycles as among the vehicles causing the most pollution.

Environment Secretary Heherson Alvarez has suggested the use of four-stroke engines which are more efficient in burning fuel, and emit only well-burned gases, as opposed to the two-stroke engine's emission of unburned gases.

The resolution also urges local government units to come up with programs that will reduce the amount of emission released by the tricycles, and to eventually phase out the old two-stroke tricycles.

Santiago also said that the LGUs were urged to pass the moratorium on the granting of new franchises so as not to drastically affect the livelihood of the metropolis' tricycle drivers.

Suspected cop killer falls in buy-bust

By Philip Tubeza

THE WESTERN Police District inadvertently arrested the suspected killer of two Manila policemen during a buy-bust operation Tuesday morning.

Police said suspect Busran G. Macala is also in the WPD's Order of Battle for stealing cars.

Senior Supt. Ricardo Abando, head of the WPD drug-enforcement unit, said Macala, alias Jimbo Pundato, 32, of C. Palanca Street, Quiapo, Manila, was arrested for illegal possession of firearms.

At headquarters, he was identified as the man who killed PO3 Chester Patagan and PO2 Armel Abat, both of the Sta. Cruz police station, in 1999.

Macala was arrested with Said D. Bacol alias Comelec, 48, of P. Casal Street, Quiapo. Police said Bacolod was the main target of the buy-bust.

Supt. Abando said his men were able to convince Bacolod, a known drug dealer on P. Casal Street, to sell P10,000 worth of shabu.

At around 10:30 a.m. yesterday, the policemen and their informant arrived on P. Casal.

PO3 Romeo Noriega acted as the bu and met with Bacolod.

Noriega said the suspect was accompanied by Macala, who acted as a bodyguard.

When Bacolod turned over two sachets of shabu and received the marked money from Noriega, the police team quickly pounced on the suspects.

Team member PO1 Geronimo Opelac seiz a 9-mm pistol from Macala, Abando said.

Bacolod will be charged for selling ill drugs, while Macala will be charged of ille possession of firearms and ammunition, Abando added.

Assunta manager bares Jules 'threats,' vows to fight it out

By Marinel R. Cruz

VALERA

"I AM the legal manager of Assunta," Manny Valera was saying Tuesday afternoon. "I am going to fight for my right. I am not going to give her up."

The manager of Assunta de Rossi was talking after his lawyers received a copy of the affidavit that his sexy star had filed Monday for the annulment of the management contract with him before the Pasig Regional Trial Court.

Valera said De Rossi's boyfriend, Negros Occidental Rep. Jules Ledesma, instructed De Rossi to file the contract annulment case because "he wants to get control of Assunta's career."

Valera also revealed threats he allegedly received from the congressman.

"I have received several threats from Ledesma, too," said Valera, who claimed that the solon cursed and threatened him through text messages.

He forwarded to this writer's cell phone two text messages Ledesma reportedly sent him:

"I better not see you again. God help you." "See you in court. P200 million. *Sana may pang* filing fee *ka*."

Valera said he is willing to fight it out with Ledesma. "For the past six years, I have been successfully managing Assunta's career. Now Jules wants full control of her. They have to honor the contract."

He added: "Jules obviously wants to be more than a fiance to Assunta," Valera said. "In fact, he is already meddling with Assunta's schedules."

The contract between Valera and De Rossi, 19, is supposed to be good until 2007.

Valera said his lawyers do not want him to discuss the details with the media yet.

Valera said he last saw De Rossi on Sept. 26 on the set of Joel Lamangan's "Bahid" at the Guadalupe Church in Makati City.

He said De Rossi was scheduled to shoot the movie's last scene in Subic the next day but she did not report for work. "I was told that she had an emergency meeting with Jules and her lawyers," said Valera.

Valera said De Rossi's absence cost Regal Films about P500,000 in rental and talent fees. The incident also prompted producer Lily Monteverde to remove De Rossi from the cast of another Regal movie, "Mano Po," and to replace her with Kris Aquino.

"Mother Lily and *Direk* Joel were already having problems with Assunta's lack of punctuality before the Subic incident," Valera told the INQUIRER. "At one time, she arrived on the set at 3 p. m. when her call time was for 10 a. m.

"She was never like that before," Valera said. "*Nagkagulo na ang buhay niya nung sila ni* Jules."

He said Ledesma's meddling with Lamangan's work on the movie also added to the frustration of the director and the producer. "He meddled with the blocking, the script and even with the acting of some of the cast," the manager said.

"*Direk* Joel had blown his top and demanded respect from Assunta and her meddlesome boyfriend. *Direk* Joel said, 'not even Sharon Cuneta or Nora Aunor has done that to me.'"

ASSUNTA de Rossi has been giving director Lamangan and Mother Lily problems because of her "lack of punctuality."

Empowering schlock

By Oliver M. Pulumbarit
Contributor

REVIEW

IT HAD to happen sooner or later. J. Lo, as Jennifer Lopez fondly calls herself, does a film with socially relevant subject matter, as she plays a battered wife in the thriller "Enough."

The very real problem of abused women transcends cultural barriers, and the issue has only fairly recently been talked about in this country even when it's been happening for ages. The film successfully tackles the stages of maltreatment, but otherwise, it's a downright predictable undertaking.

In one of those fairy tale romances that go down the toilet, rich guy Mitch (Billy Campbell) sweeps waitress Slim (Lopez) off her calloused feet. Not long after, Prince Charming is exposed to be screwing around with another fair damsel, and that's where the strident story really begins.

You'd think that any hot-blooded heterosexual man would be satisfied with J. Lo's booty, but no. If you've seen the trailer for this movie, you've pretty much seen everything.

Prescription

It's a glorified TV-movie of the week, with topical preachiness and obligatory lessons. Even the graphics used for the opening credits look low-budgeted and unstimulating.

"Enough" is also an excuse to show J. Lo kicking macho butt. While it doesn't happen until much later, the trailer gave too much away. But it's actually easy to form the only possible conclusion if you didn't catch it, because—let's face it—it's one of those common prescription movies.

You watch a frail female protagonist being beaten to a pulp by a muscled thug of a husband, you'd want her to get even, just desserts and all that.

We follow Slim's ordeals as she and her daughter narrowly escape her tormentor across many states. Occasionally aided by her waitress friend (a very toned-down role for the talented Juliette Lewis), her old school pal (Dan Futterman) and her estranged, snide biological father (Fred Ward), she eventually makes the most of her situation.

By the time she musters enough confidence, the audience already feels tired (or, in my case, hungry). And when she gets training from a guy who espouses corny Yoda-isms, we just think about the things that need repairing at home.

Squirmers

Noah Wyle seems miscast as Mitch's lackey. He doesn't project any deviousness even when he's acting devious. He acts like his role should belong to Futterman and vice versa, because sadly, all those years portraying an earnest do-gooder in "ER" cemented an indelible aura.

Campbell works decently as the hubby with an exposed dark side. Folks familiar with him might remember his work as the title character in the movie "The Rocketeer" and the lead actor in the TV mushfest "Once and Again." He's believable, yes, but not really remarkable here.

And Lopez, a proven capable actress in most of her previous projects, is just okay here. Sure, she becomes an action heroine who stalks her prey in ninja-like skulkiness. But the lopsided dialogue gets in the way of most of the acting.

An example of the squirmers: "I'm not a doormat! I'm your wife!" Audience eye-rolling ensues, and you almost (almost!) think that she deserves the damn misery she gets.

Here's another: "Self-defense...is not murder." Whatev, man. The mostly unchallenging and unstylish, straightforward scenes nearly made me catch some z's. You can stop paying attention to it and it goes where you thought it would.

Boring

Admittedly, there are gripping parts, but they're just fleeting moments. There aren't any nail-biting elements of misdirection to it. Even the token car chase scene is pretty grating. You'll go prescient: You just know Slim will get away, hooray and thank heavens.

It doesn't pull you in mainly because the situations are just way too familiar. Sometimes, you just see these attractive people, tune out their yammering, and wonder how they look like without their clothes.

Yes, it can get that boring, perversions aside.

Songs by Aimee Mann and Jewel lighten up the mood a little, but only for the scant seconds they're heard.

True, the story could've been plucked from the headlines. There's wish fulfillment, as an abused wife transforms into a fighting machine who shows her husband the error of his caveman ways. If only reality were that simple.

"Enough" does address the issue, from the victim's initial denial and shame, to the unbearable physical pain that forces her to escape. The victim in this case is lucky to have an instant, loyal support group.

If anything, this schlocky movie can be empowering to the people it's supposed to reach. But the cast of talented actors doesn't shine in this particular effort due to the mediocre material.

But women should connect to it. It's a chick flick with balls, a statement of woman power and kick-'em-in-the-'nads independence.

It just gets really tedious and rankling, testing our precious patience until we've had more than—dare I say it?—enough.

CHICK FLICK WITH BALLS. Jennifer Lopez as Slim in "Enough."

Gary is relentless when it comes to pleasing the crowd

DOLLY WOOD

Dolly Ann Carvajal

I HAD a blast with the only permanent boy in my life—mi hijo **Ice**—at the final performance last Saturday of **Gary Valenciano**'s concert series at Onstage in Greenbelt.

Gary and his wife, **Angeli**, invited me to watch the show and join them at the cast party afterwards. By now, you've surely heard how awesome Gary's show was. But some things are worth repeating, so let me say that even days after his show, I could still visualize Mr. Pure Energy moonwalk, as well as hear his magical voice ringing in my ears.

Watching Gary perform is kind of like an out of body experience! Even my son who's clueless about '70s and '80s music could not help but get up on his feet and groove with me that night. It's the singer, not the song, especially when you're talking about Gary V.

My favorite part was when he sang a medley of Christian songs. Call me a softie but I was really moved to tears. I also enjoyed Gary's number with his son **Gabriel**.

Gab is truly his father's son. The lanky, 14-year-old is a born dancer. As the proud dad said onstage, "Gab is not here to impress people. He just loves to dance. He was the one who suggested that we do a number together. He formed a dance group with his friends called Contagious. Even at home, when he walks around, he's always strutting."

The Valenciano father and son team is relentless when it comes to wowing the crowd. And just when I thought that Gary would call it a night because of sheer exhaustion, he stayed on for the cast party.

Everyone was in high spirits after the rousing success of his Greenbelt concert series. We ended up celebrating till way past midnight.

It was so touching to see Gary and Gab bond after the show. Gary was looking for the puppet he bought for Gab.

"We were both amused when a street vendor stopped by and was waving this puppet that sticks its tongue out, so I got Gab one also **Paulo** and **Kianna**," Gary said.

The puppet costs only P120. It's so endearing to know that even with his imminent stature in the music business, Gary has not lost sight of simple joys.

Overjoyed

GOT to chat with **Ogie Alcasid** amid all the frenzy of his preparations for his major concert at the Big Dome tomorrow night, "O.A. Sa Hits." He's overjoyed that tickets are almost sold out, but you can still walk in at Araneta Coliseum tomorrow and try your luck.

I asked him how nervous he is and the singer-composer wiz muttered, "Just a bit. I'll give it all I've got!"

Ogie will have five costume changes all done by **Randy Ortiz**. I chided him, "So will you wear any outfit that will shock the audience?"

He laughed out loud and said, "No way!"

One thing he will wear for sure is a big smile as he sees his adoring fans come in droves tomorrow. Count me in as one of them!

Traveling exhibit

ALLIANCE **Francaise de Manille** presents "Keep Your Distance," an international traveling exhibit featuring the works of seven young artists from all over the world who developed this unique project which combines different art mediums: video, photo, installation, performance and painting.

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Vivre L'arte!

Personal

I IMMENSELY enjoyed my post-birthday celebration at my favorite Quezon City hang-out Café Kilimanjaro, with my best friend **Tita Bebot**, Orient Pearl lead vocalist **Naldy Padilla** and drummer JB.

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Viva artists bring home Awit trophies

LED by singer-songwriter Ogie Alcasid, the artists of the Viva Music Group made a sweep at the recent Awit Awards ceremonies by winning nine out of the 22 trophies at stake.

The victory includes the much-coveted album of the Year award, the top prize in the annual event tendered by the Philippines Association of the Music Industry.

The award went to "A Better Man," the latest release by Ogie who also won the best performance by a male recording artist award for the love song that he wrote, "Ikaw Sana," one of the cuts from "A Better Man."

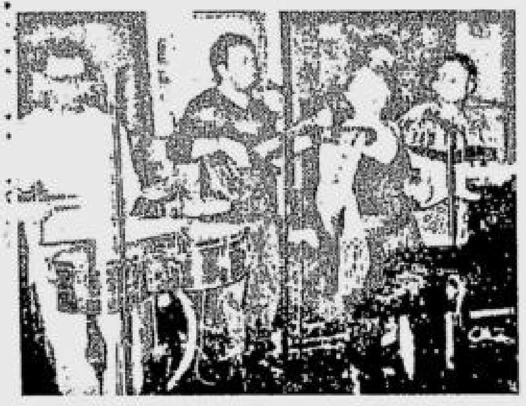
Ogie's two Awit Awards come at a time when he is deep in preparation for his very concert to be held Oct. 4 at Araneta Coliseum.

"O.A. sa Hits" is produced by Viva Concerts and will also feature Freestyle, Side A and Regine Velasquez.

Other Awit winners from the Viva Music Group are The Company, best vocal performance by duo or group for "Gusto Ko ng A Capella," Gabby Eigenmann, best new male artist for his debut recording "Loving," "Isang Araw" by Gloc 9 for best rap recording; Rivermaya as best alternative recording artist for "Umaaraw, Umuulan," "Sa Aking Tabi" by Jaya as best jazz recording with vocals, violinist John Lesaca for best instrumental performance for "Heal Our Land" and best album cover by Joseph de Veyra for "Nothing I Want More" by Sharon Cuneta.

Sharon, who recorded most of her hit albums for Viva, was honored as the Dangal ng Musikang Pilipino, in recognition of her 25 successful years in the music business.

Viva recently released "25 Years, 25 Hits," a first-of-a-kind compilation of the megastar's biggest selling songs from Viva and Vicor Music Corporation, where she made her early recordings.



ARRIBA. Performs in a Latin groove party at Island Cove.

Shiraz marks first anniversary

ARE you tired of generic, loud pop bands singing the same repertoire every night?

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On weekends chill out with house party music by the bar's resident DJs.

Shiraz Bistro and Wine bar is at the ground floor of Palisades Bldg. amid the quiet stretch of Perea St. in Makati.

Inside the stylish 80-seater wine bar are well-positioned cozy sofas and wooden tables. The place has lots of leg room which leads to the busy bar.

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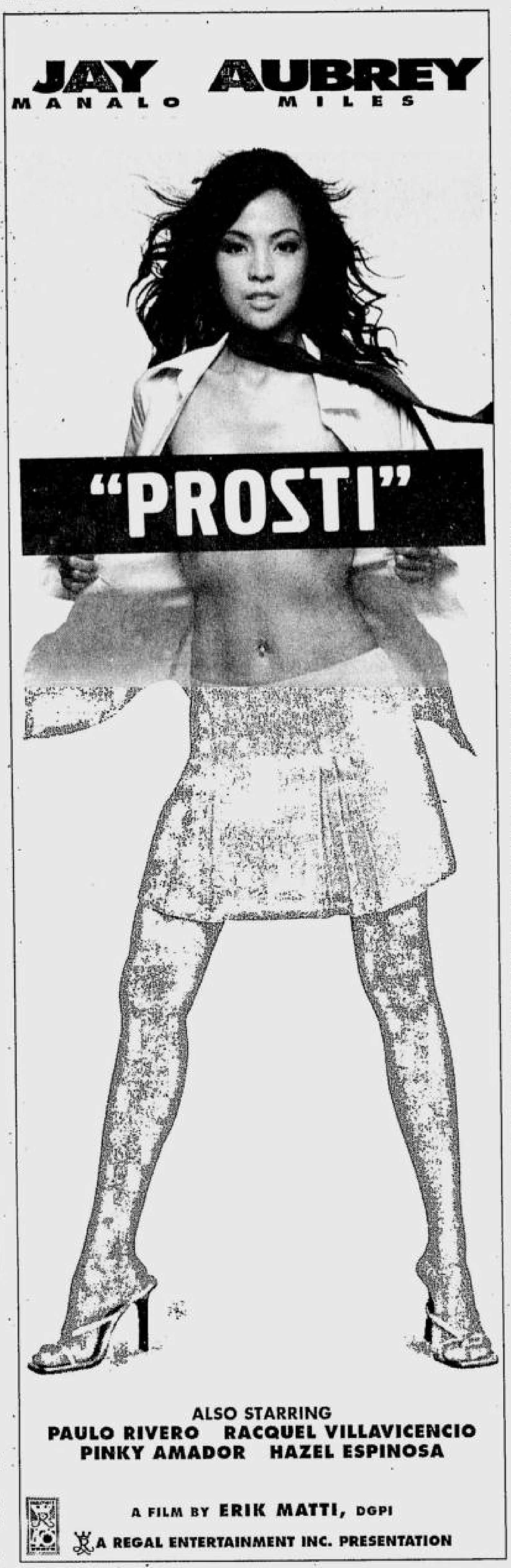
Shiraz will celebrate its first year anniversary this week with a party tomorrow night and Friday, 8 p.m.

A "Latin Groove" anniversary celebration is scheduled Oct. 4, with a special performance by Arriba.



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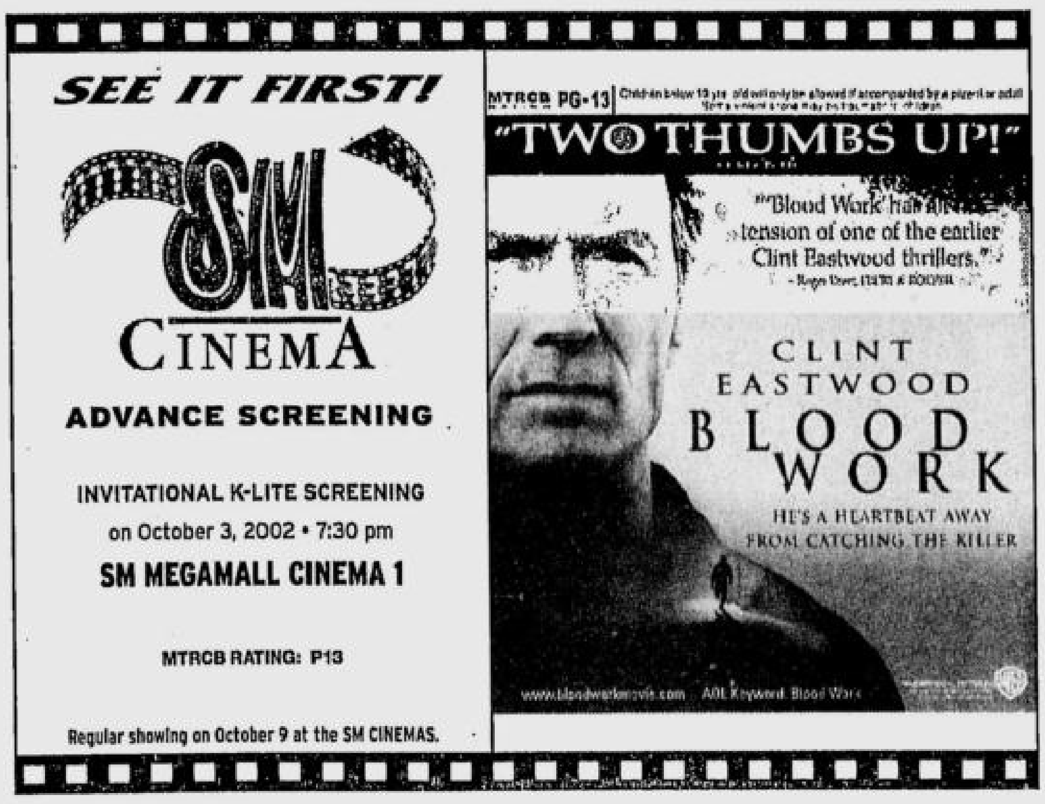

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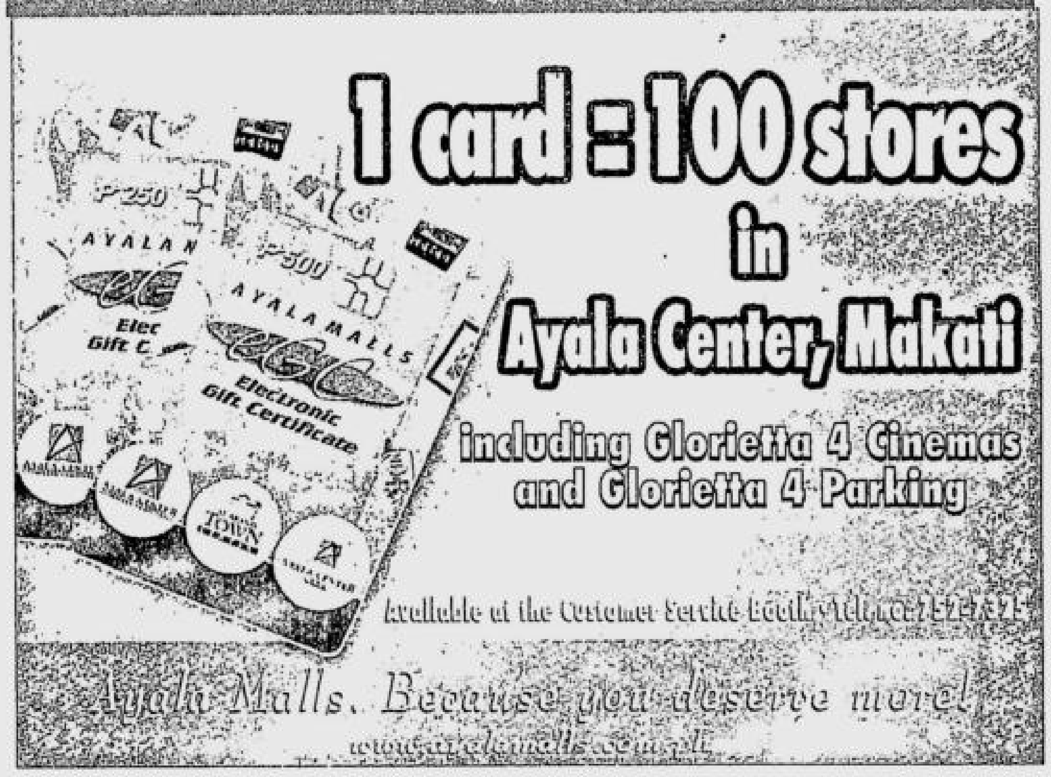

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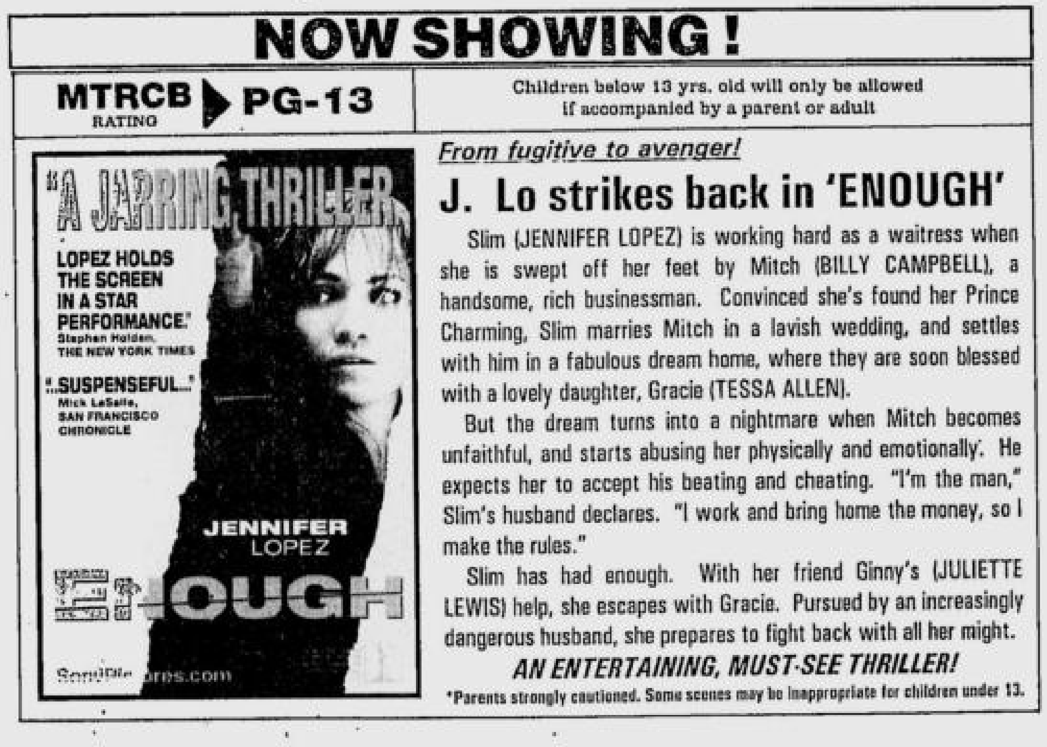

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From fugitive to avenger!

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Slim (JENNIFER LOPEZ) is working hard as a waitress when she is swept off her feet by Mitch (BILLY CAMPBELL), a handsome, rich businessman. Convinced she's found her Prince Charming, Slim marries Mitch in a lavish wedding, and settles with him in a fabulous dream home, where they are soon blessed with a lovely daughter, Gracie (TESSA ALLEN).

But the dream turns into a nightmare when Mitch becomes unfaithful, and starts abusing her physically and emotionally. He expects her to accept his beating and cheating. "I'm the man," Slim's husband declares. "I work and bring home the money, so I make the rules."

Slim has had enough. With her friend Ginny's (JULIETTE LEWIS) help, she escapes with Gracie. Pursued by an increasingly dangerous husband, she prepares to fight back with all her might.

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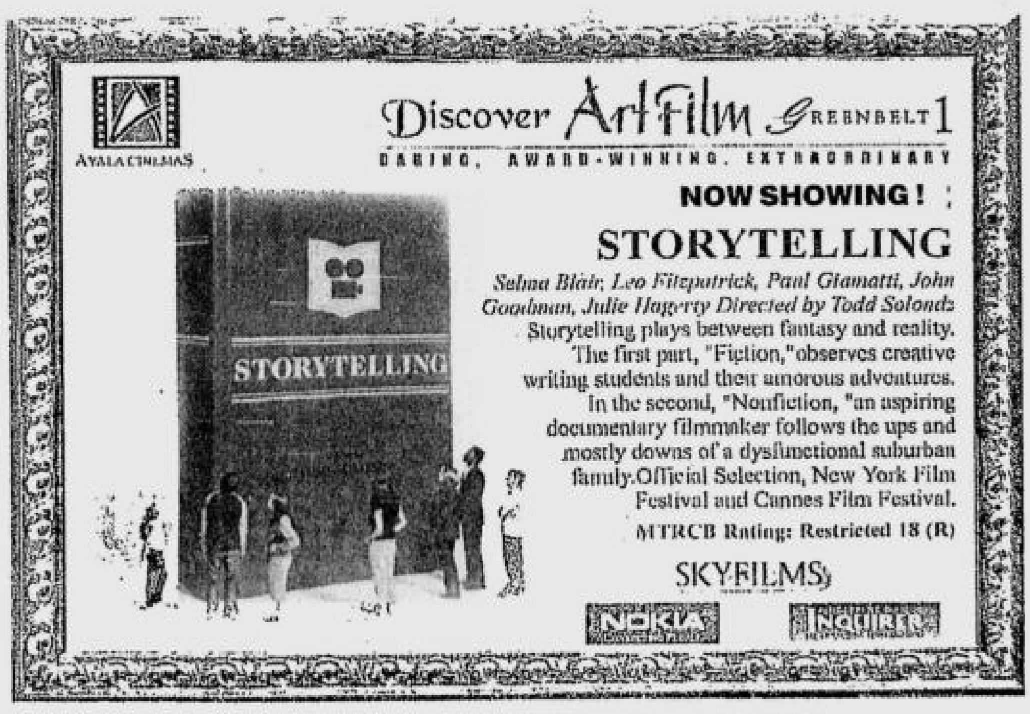

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Adolescent-friendly film

VIEWFINDER

Nestor U. Torre

IF you're older than 14 years old, you may find "Spy Kids 2" a shallow and silly viewing experience. But the film has younger viewers in mind, and it clicks with them.

It's adolescent-friendly because its leads are similarly young, male and female siblings who call **Antonio Banderas** Papa. They look like other kids their age, but that initial impression is deceptive, because they are in fact children of retired secret agents who have inherited their parents' crimebusting and world-protecting talents.

This second time around, their exploits have a more fanciful and imaginative visual appeal, because our supertykes do their world-saving in a really strange and unusual place—a kooky scientist's playground where weird animals of his own creation roam free and wild.

The surreal creatures include a fish with legs, a centaur with crab legs, a cross between a snake and a duck—and a flying pig! These bemusing mutants are the result of the scientist getting some chemicals mixed up, hence the psychedelic and phantasmagoric zoo that he's created, like Dr. Dolittle on a mescaline high.

To make things even more bizarre and eventful, there are two sets of these weird creatures, one as small as a glass menagerie, the other as huge as the dinosaurs of old.

Thus, the Spy Kids have their work cut out for them in keeping from ending up as lunch for the surreal monsters. But they aren't in any real danger, since they've got all sorts of futuristic, state-of-the-art gadgets to keep them out of harm's way.

Since the risks here are more fanciful than truly terrifying, the film is able to sustain a tongue-in-cheek and sassy approach that's right for its young target audience, and shouldn't give younger viewers any bad dreams, despite the presence of skeletons that come to life, etc.

Actually, those skeletons and that strange centaur are a loving hommage to old sci-fi or fantasy-adventure films like "The Golden Voyage of Sinbad," "The Time Machine," and "The Adventure of Baron Munchausen."

Aside from the Spy Kids, this film has some adult performers, but they act in a childlike or childish manner, in keeping with the production's sassily whimsical storytelling style.

Banderas is on hand as the kids' dad, but only in a few scenes, since the film's action mainly revolves around its young leads. In addition, his parents-in-law make their first appearance in this sequel, and they also turn out to be kooky characters in their own right.

So, this sequel is like a cookie-cutter production, but it can be enjoyed—by undemanding adolescents of all ages.

Feedback

FROM **George P. Olivera** of Makati City: "It's tragic that the poorly-paid talents of the Filipino film industry are being deprived of the benefits given by the Mowelfund, as a result of the reduction of money coming from the Metro Manila Film Festival.

"A way must be found to enable the Mowelfund to continue helping the movie workers who don't make enough to spend when they get sick or are faced with other anticipated problems. The incentives should be brought back to the way they were before.

"This is especially needed at this time, when only a few movies are being made and movie workers' earnings have been reduced even more. With many going jobless, help is really needed by the 'little people' of the industry, now more than ever."

MMCO concert

THE MCO Arts Festival 2002 presents its fourth concert featuring the Metro Manila Community Orchestra (MMCO) on Oct. 4 at the Francisco Santiago Hall, Equitable PCI Bank Tower 1, Makati Ave.

The MMCO is a community-based orchestra led by **Chino Toledo** that provides musical opportunities for non-professional musicians. Also featured in the concert are soloists **Chino Gutierrez** (violinist) and **Jayson Rivera** (clarinetist). Call 818-1403.

Creative writing seminars

"CREATIVE Writing Made Easy" seminars will be held by Vine Communications this month. On Oct. 5, the module is "Unlocking the Creative You: Tools and Techniques to Enhance Your Writing." And on Oct. 26, it's on "Expanded Techniques in Creativity."

The seminars will be held from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at 7 Brooklyn St., Cubao. Call Mona at 850-8603.

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Scheduled to perform "On Center Stage" are Arpie and D' Multivitamins on Oct. 4 and 18, and Fat Session on Nov. 15 and 29.

The '80s hype comes alive at Purple Ostrich's "Jammin' with Time" every second Friday of the month. The show is a revival of the fun culture of the hip-hoppin' '80s. Traffic Jam performs Oct. 11 and Nov. 8.

Every fourth Friday night of the month, Purple Ostrich will be the place for great bash of best dance music provided by the country's finest bands.

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SHOWS

WHAT do the songs "Anak," "Buko Nut" and "Overdrive" have in common?

Aside from the fact that they are all classics of Pinoy pop music, they are also part of the repertoire of the Philippine Madrigal Singers' upcoming concert, "Mad About Madz."

The internationally acclaimed chorale has just returned from a successful tour of North America where they were greeted with standing ovations and rousing applause at every turn.

"Mad About Madz" will be held Oct. 12 and 13 at the Main Theater of the Cultural Center of the Philippines.

Most people think that The Madz sing only classical and folk songs.

Like the true artists that they are, the Madrigal Singers are equally at home singing a foreign song from the Renaissance period as they are in giving a rendition of Freddie Aguilar's "Anak."

Those who watch them regularly will be surprised to see a different kind of Madrigal concert. For a change they will not only sing in a semi-circle as is their tradition. They will move around the stage in a true celebration of their wonderful music.

Aside from pop songs, they will sing medieval pieces, international folk tunes, contemporary and avantgarde renditions. Special guests are flutist Ray Sison and ace comedian Jon Santos.

Tickets priced at P600, P500, P400, P300, P200 and P150 and are available at the CCP Box Office, all SM TicketNet outlets, iO KTV (895-5938 to 41) and the Actium Office (890-7649 or 895-1355).

Ai-Ai in Davao

FRESH from her highly successful US shows, comedy concert queen Ai-Ai de las Alas continues to tickle funny bones in another rib-tickling show, "Divah... Si Ai-Ai Vidah sa Davao," Oct. 19 at The Venue in Davao City.

AI-AI

Guests are Ariel Rivera and Dessa. Musical director is Beth Martin.

In the US, Ai-Ai performed in Reno, Virginia Beach and Jacksonville (with Troy Montero), Los Angeles (with Robin Padilla) and San Diego.

'Crossover Presents'

VALENCIANO

GARY Valenciano is the featured artist this month in "Crossover Presents," the premier concert series at Captain's Bar of Mandarin Oriental.

"SHOWDOWN." Geneva Cruz (left) and Rachel Alejandro at Music Museum.

Sharing the stage with Gary as special guest is singer-comedienne Marissa Sanchez.

Joining them onstage are vocal group The Opera and "Crossover Presents" resident musicians—Mel Villena on sax, Bobby Taylo on bass, Cesar Aguas on guitar, Roy Mercado on drums, with Gerard Salonga as musical director.

Show starts 8 p.m. For inquiries, call the Crossover office at 731-1667, Ticket World at 891-5610 or Captain's Bar at 750-8888.

Fresh from a sold-out concert at Onstage, Gary performs at the United Evangelical Church in Benavides St., Manila on Oct. 4.

On Oct. 5, he holds "Gary V—A Leap of Faith," 7 p.m. at Faith Fellowship Church in Aurora Blvd., Cubao, Quezon City.

He is expected to touch the hearts of the audience as he sings his songs "I Will Be Here," "Take Me Out of the Dark," "The Warrior is a Child" and "We Are the Reason."

Gary will hold more inspirational concerts on Oct. 25 at Araneta Coliseum, Nov. 22 at the Word of Hope in Edsa, Quezon City and Nov. 28 at the UP Theater in Diliman, Quezon City.

Back-to-Back

RACHEL Alejandro and Geneva Cruz will do a back-to-back concert fittingly titled "Showdown," Oct. 25 at Music Museum.

The two female artists will display what they do best—singing and dancing.

According to director Floy Quintos, Rachel and Geneva are intensely dedicated and energetic performers who have had their fair share of trials and triumphs. Both have had their love lives thrust under the spotlight. Both are survivors with the rest of their lives still ahead of them. Both are still young and at the same time wise beyond their years.

To play up the "Showdown" theme, the Music Museum stage will be designed as a boxing ring with two giant video screens.

The artists' repertoire will consist of their individual hit songs (like Rachel's "Nakapagtataka" and Geneva's "Kailan"), as well as some current pop favorites. "Showdown" is a production of Talentworks Asia, directed by Floy Quintos, with Marc Lopez as musical director and Tintin Martinez as choreographers. Back-up are the Whiplash dancers.

Tickets are at P800 and P600. For inquiries, call Talentworks Asia at 687-0658 or visit their offices at 2201 Robinson's Equitable Tower, ADB Avenue corner Poveda Street, Ortigas Center, Pasig City.

Call the Music Museum box-office at 721-0635 and Ticketworld at 891-5610.

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Editor **Louie C. Camino**

US firms make money cleaning up sexy, violent movies

LOS ANGELES—Want to see Hollywood blockbusters such as "Titanic" without being offended by Kate Winslet's breasts or "Saving Private Ryan" without the blood and gore? You're in luck as a batch of US firms are infuriating Tinseltown by sanitizing its movies.

The firms, led by a Utah-based video store chain dubbed CleanFlicks, have launched an unofficial crusade to clean up sex, violence and foul-language in major studio pictures—and make a quick buck in the process, outraging the makers of major films.

Hollywood film directors say their work is being hijacked and distorted for commercial profit, while CleanFlicks insists that cutting the films to make them suitable for more puritanical or religious audiences is a right protected under the US constitution.

"We love movies, but prefer to watch them without the sex, nudity, profanity or extreme violence," a company spokesman said. "Because we recognize others may have a similar desire, we provide this editing service.

"Our mission is to provide access to Hollywood entertainment free from objectionable elements, thus helping maintain high moral values," said the firm, based in the Mormon-dominated city of Salt Lake City where alcohol, nudity and profanity are frowned upon.

The one-year-old firm is part of a burgeoning industry that rents and sells so-called "E-rated" flicks to card-carrying CleanFlicks members in its 70 stores or on the Internet.

The company also offers to clean up any sexy or violent scenes in the video collections of its members.

And the firm defends its right to edit films so vigorously that it last month sprung a pre-emptive lawsuit on a quiver of top Hollywood movie makers and powerbrokers, including Steven Spielberg, Steven Soderbergh, Robert Altman, Robert Redford and Martin Scorsese.

The suit, filed in Denver, Colorado, asked a federal judge to decide whether the company had a constitutional First Amendment right to edit videos and DVDs for private use.

And last week the Directors Guild of America (DGA) filed a suit against 13 video companies, software developers—including CleanFlicks and its competitors—for editing hundreds of studio movies, including "Absolute Power" and "Zoolander," and reselling them.

The DGA's suit claims the firms are violating a federal statute barring false advertising, trademark infringement and unfair competition—a law that has also been applied to protect artists' rights to be disassociated from unauthorized versions of their work.

The guild also accuses the companies of diluting the trademark protecting their products.

"It is wrong to cut scenes from a film—just as it is to rip pages from a book—simply because we don't like the way something was portrayed or said, then resell it with the original title and creator's name still on it," DGA president Martha Coolidge said.

"It is wrong to circumvent the studios, who are the copyright holders, and the director, who is the film's creator, all in the name of turning a profit. It is unethical, it is shameful, and the DGA will aggressively pursue these claims."

But CleanFlicks insists it is not infringing on the studios' markets, but simply creating a new market for people who do not want themselves or their children to be exposed to nudity, violence or bad language.

Motion Picture Association of America president Jack Valenti also came out in defense of filmmakers, saying that if companies such as CleanFlicks were allowed to continue editing films at will it would set a bad precedent that could allow pornographers to subvert legitimate films.

"The altering of a film by anyone not involved in the creation of that film is to enter a dangerous arena, and is a legitimate concern to all Americans who value private property," he said in a statement. *AFP*

'Sex is really my game'

By Leah Salterio

JOYCE Jimenez is turning 24 on Oct. 19 but is feeling no pressure to get married.

Her last serious relationship was with Jay Manalo. And despite their controversial breakup, Joyce and Jay have remained friends.

"I don't want to set a time frame for marriage," Joyce says. "I don't want to get married just because I told myself I'd marry at a certain age.

"Getting married affects the rest of your life. You have to make the right choice. I don't want to get married twice."

She admits, though, that she misses having a significant other.

"I miss the companionship, that's a given," she says. "I'm not going to lie about it. But I don't go around looking for a boyfriend."

She has dated a few guys, but is not one to instantly plunge into a relationship.

"You cannot say you're in love with the guy if you've been out with him only once or twice. It takes time to get to know him. And in due time, you will also discover his true feelings for you."

She swears she will not fall for a guy who's below 18. "That's illegal," she says. *"Ayoko makulong o makasuhan."*

Neither does she want to think about falling for a much older man, or a married man.

"If I fall in love with a married man, it's only feelings," she says. "I will not do anything about it. I will not allow it to grow any deeper."

Joyce says she feels at ease with Jay, even when they discuss their erstwhile romance.

"We always talk and reminisce about our past, but we only talk about the good things, the good times," Joyce says.

She is also comfortable doing a love scene with him, more than with any leading man.

"He's the only actor I've done a love scene with that I had a relationship with," Joyce grants. "I believe that helps. We were once both very much in love. He was the first guy I hooked up with seriously when I came to the country from the States."

Joyce and Jay reunite in Regal Films' remake of "Paraisong Parisukat," due in the theaters on Oct. 16.

The film is an adaptation of the one-act play, "Masikip, Maluwang... Paraisong Parisukat," by the late Orlando Nadres.

The original film was directed by Elwood Perez and starred Alma Moreno, Christopher de Leon and Mat Ranillo III.

But instead of making a remake, writer-director Joey Reyes decided to weave a different story but with the same powerful themes of love and redemption.

Reyes' film also has a more mature theme and is loaded with passionate scenes.

Reyes attests there's hardly any sexual tension between the ex-lovers. "The love scenes of Joyce and Jay are natural, almost effortless," he says. "They have undeniable chemistry."

Joyce plays Isya, a shoe dispatcher in a desolate stockroom in a shop along Avenida. She comes from the province and lives alone in the city.

She shares her world with her fellow workers, the store manager and an old man who has dedicated his life to working in the shoe store. Then comes Al (Jay), who alters Isya's life and brings her out of the dingy stockroom into the real world.

Because of the sizzling love scenes with Jay, Joyce says she is prepared for another R-18 (Restricted to 18 years and above) rating.

"The film has a lot of sex scenes, a very mature theme and a great amount of drama," Joyce offers. "I think this is really my game when it comes to making movies."

Joyce says the hardest scene to do was "the one in an exterior shower scene which we both did standing up. I had to lean against the rough cement wall and it was painful."

Joyce and Jay previously worked together in three other movies. They were in the Ronnie Ricketts action flick, "Boy Buluran," although they didn't have any scenes together. Joyce played support to Jay and Rufa Mae Quinto in "Habang Nasasaktan, Lalong Tumatapang."

Only in Yam Laranas' directorial debut, "Balahibong Pusa," shown early last year, did they share equal billing.

"I believe Jay and I have better working relationship after 'Balahibong Pusa'," Joyce says. "Before, *naiilang pa kami.* This time, first shooting day *pa lang namin*, we were already both at ease with each other."

Joyce is working on the period epic, "Lapu-Lapu," with Lito Lapid.

JOYCE Jimenez admits she's comfortable again with ex-boyfriend and co-star Jay Manalo.

'AMADEUS'

Mozart returns to Prague, on video

MOZART

PRAGUE—In the year 1781, composer Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart premiered his opera "Don Giovanni" on the stage of Prague's Estates Theater.

More than two centuries later, the Austrian-born musical wunderkind has made a triumphant return to the same stage, albeit this time on video.

With a theater full of A-list guests that would have impressed the maestro himself, director Milos Forman unveiled the director's cut of his Oscar-winning film "Amadeus" this weekend, which includes about 20 minutes of new scenes, enriched video and, most importantly, digitally remastered sound.

Adding 20 minutes to a film that in 1984 won eight Oscars—including best film, best director, best actor (F. Murray Abraham playing the bitter rival composer Antonio Salieri)—might seem at first glance like fixing the smile of Mona Lisa.

It might also seem like a crass grab at generating more sales revenues.

But Forman, relaxed and basking in a return to his native country, rejected such talk and said the new version actually brings the audience back to the film's original cut, the way it was intended to be shown.

"When we made the film and then watched it for the first time, these 20 minutes were in the film," Forman told Reuters after an evening gala on Saturday attended by Czech Republic President Vaclav Havel. "But it was being released at the time when MTV was hitting the airwaves.

"To expect an audience to sit for over three hours and watch a period film about classical music, we just thought we better cut anything that doesn't push the plot forward. This just brings the movie back to where we originally had it."

The film almost didn't get made at all. Forman smiled when talking about how Communist authorities of then-Czechoslovakia continually refused him visas to return to Prague.

They considered him a threat to social stability, someone who left for the West and could rile the masses with his new ideas. Then they realized he had a project—and more importantly hard currency—to offer.

"There were few places we could make the film: Vienna, Budapest, Prague," he said. "Vienna was too expensive, so it couldn't be done there. Budapest is beautiful but it was damaged over the past few wars somewhat, so in the middle of an 18th-century street there are modern buildings.

"But time had stood still in Prague. And when I applied for the visa, they smelled dollars and they let us in!"

The movie's rich soundtrack sparked a popular renaissance for Mozart's music. Forman said the music is one of his favorite parts of the new version.

The reworked sound features the latest audio technology—which can make even Mozart sound better.

"The extra scenes add to the relationships of the film...but the third main character in the movie is the music. Sometimes the music is even more important than words, it works on your heart in a different, more passionate way. The new soundtrack brings that out even more."

Music to Mozart's ears, even after all these years. *Reuters*

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Peso falls to 14-month low of 52.65 to $1

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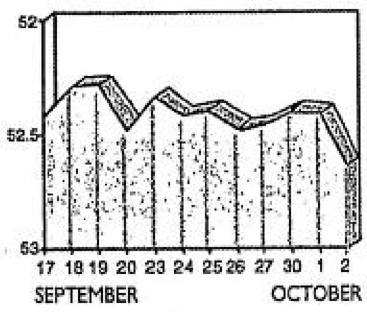

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STOCK MARKET

Stocks down

SHARES ended slightly lower yesterday, with activity centered on stocks linked to the aborted plan of tycoon John Gokongwei's group to acquire the local assets of Hong Kong's First Pacific, traders said.

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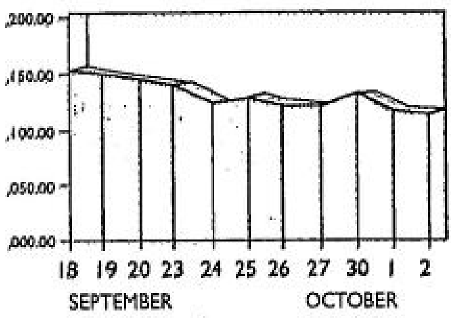


(See stock market report on Page B2)

The 30-company Philippine Stock Exchange Index ended down 1.08 points, or 0.1 percent, at 1,114.70, adding to Tuesday's 1.2-percent loss.

First Pacific's Philippine Long Distance Telephone Co. was the most actively traded stock, down P2.50, or 0.9 percent, at P277.50.

The stock's decline followed an announcement by Gokongwei's camp early yesterday that it was terminating its agreement with First Pacific to form a joint venture to acquire the Hong Kong firm's controlling 24.4-percent stake in PLDT and 50.4 percent of Philippine property venture Bonifacio Land.

AP

By Clarissa S. Batino

THE PESO fell to a 14-month low of 52.65 to a dollar yesterday, down 24 centavos from Tuesday's close, on account of weaker regional currencies aggravated by increasing local demand for dollars to finance oil imports.

A trader from a foreign bank said the peso would likely remain volatile today and that its recovery would depend on how regional currencies particularly the Japanese yen would perform against the greenback.

The yen, which influences the movement of Asian currencies, went down to 123.05 to a dollar from 122.06 the other day.

Yesterday's peso close was the lowest since Aug. 9 last year when the currency hit 53 to $1.

The Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas believed that the peso would stabilize in the last quarter of the year when local exporters and families of Overseas Filipino Workers convert their dollar earnings into peso. The BSP and the Department of Finance are projecting that the OFW's dollar remittances this year will reach a record of $8 billion and this will be of big help in easing the pressure on the local currency.

They based their projection on the substantial increase in the number of workers and professionals who were scheduled to leave the country for jobs overseas this year.

Finance Secretary Jose Isidro Camacho and BSP Governor Rafael Buenaventura told foreign investors and creditors during their no-deal roadshow overseas that dollar remittances from OFWs could grow by 43 percent this year, from last year's $5.56 billion.

Quoting data from the Philippine Overseas Employment Administration, the central bank chief said the number of Filipinos who were hired and rehired grew 4.1 percent to 483,334, from 464,344 as of June last year.

Economic managers were hoping that the projected increase in dollar remittances this year would cushion the peso from pressures brought about by the US-Iraq conflict that has been pushing crude prices up and forcing local oil firms to to buy more dollar to fund their imports.

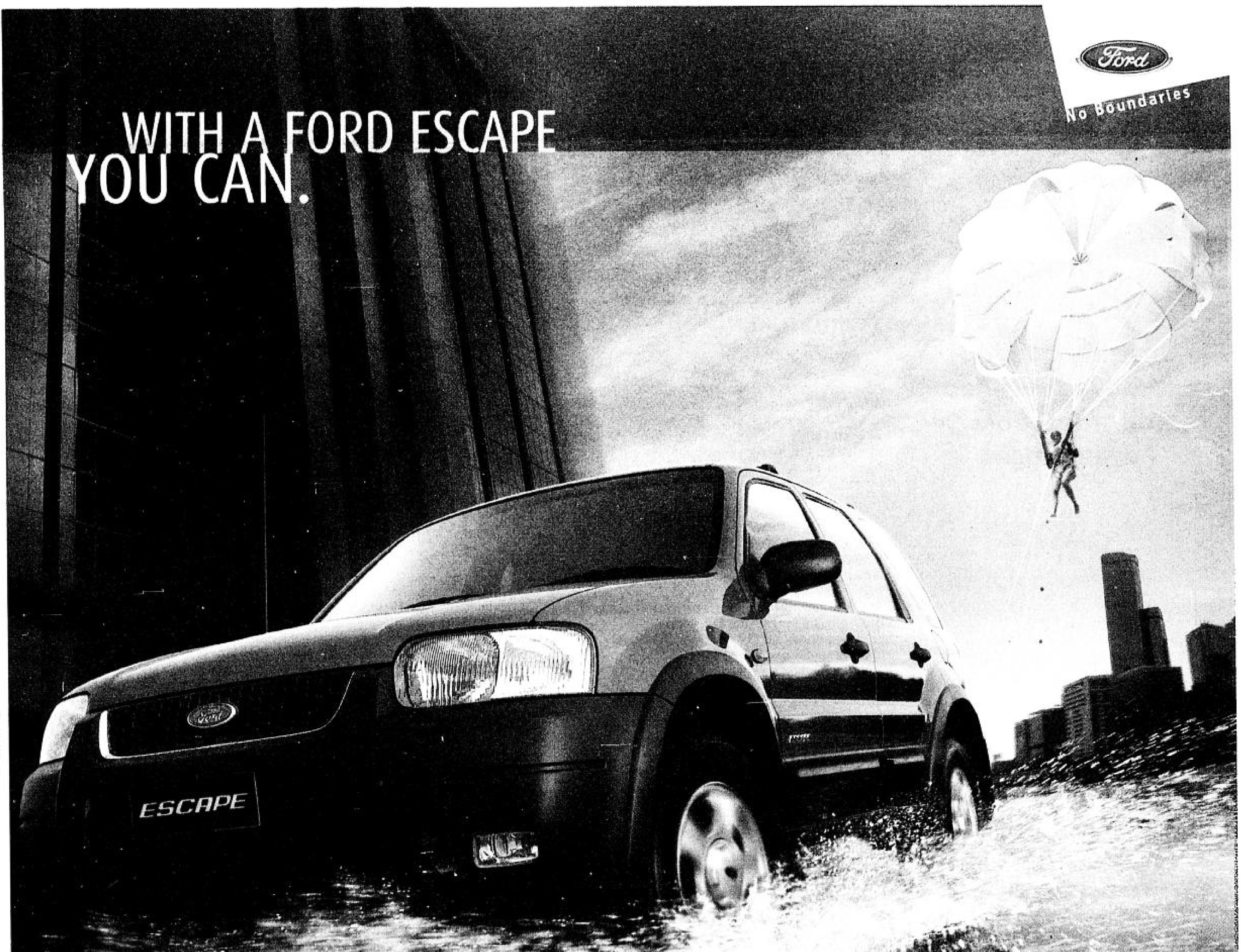
Malacañang had ordered the petroleum companies to maintain a 40-day inventory of oil in preparation for any supply disruption due to the US-Iraq conflict.

"Oil companies have been scrambling for dollars and this resulted in a supply crunch. Still, the sudden drop of the peso yesterday was caused largely by the yen depreciation,"

PESO/ B2

GMA AT INTEL HI-TECH PLANT

President Macapagal tries a mobile or notebook computer powered by the latest Pentium 4 microprocessor during her recent visit to Intel's state-of-the-art assembly and test facility at the Gateway Business Park in General Trias, Cavite. The President cited Intel's substantial contributions to the Philippine economy, particularly its investments of $1.3 billion. Intel Technology Philippines' general manager Robin Martin (left) assured the President of the company's commitment to the Philippines and support for its government.



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Benpres misses interest payment on P2B in LTCPs

By Doris C. Dumlao

BENPRES Holdings Corp. again missed interest payment on its P2 billion worth of long term commercial papers (LTCPs) that fell due yesterday.

In a disclosure to the Philippine Stock Exchange yesterday, Benpres spokesperson Anna Ma. Margarita Bautista-Dy said this would be the company's second quarterly default on interest payment on the debt papers, which are due to mature in 2003. The first quarter interest payment should have been made on June 17.

The company, with interests in media, power, water, property, and infrastructure, earlier proposed to creditors to resume interest payments on the long term commercial papers in November, Bautista-Dy said.

Benpres also defaulted on the June 19 interest payment on its $150 million euro notes, she added.

"We are seeking the restructuring of that debt (euro notes) and the long term commercial papers," she added.

Benpres said in June it was rescheduling all its debts, worth almost $600 million, to help restore financial health.

The company appointed Credit Suisse First Boston as its financial adviser in connection with its Balance Sheet Management Plan, Bautista-Dy said. "Benpres has proposed to make interest payments and principal repayments to its creditors in accordance with the plan."

Benpres issued P3 billion worth of LTCPs in August 1996 to fund the investments in property, telecommunications, infrastructure and power-related projects of its subsidiaries and affiliates.

The LTCPs were offered and issued in two series, of which the first tranche of P1 billion was retired last year. The remaining P2 billion was supposed to be repaid in October next year with interest at 1-1/8 percent above the 91-day Treasury bill rate, payable quarterly.

On top of the P2 billion in outstanding LTCPs, Benpres also has P7.75 billion worth of outstanding five-year Euronotes, issued in 1997 and listed on the Luxembourg Stock Exchange.

Overall, BHC is burdened with close to $600 million in total debt, about a third of which was maturing this year.

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That is former Sen. Juan Ponce Enrile, a.k.a. JPE to colleagues but not to college girls, who is going around town, talking to media people, towing some pieces of paper.

JPE is claiming that those pieces of papers, a.k.a. "documents" in some media reports, were the correspondence of the Lopez group to the Marcos dictatorship.

The, er, "documents" should prove, according to JPE, that the Marcos dictatorship acquired the holdings of the Lopez group in Meralco legally. Sure, boss, if you say so!

But I really can't say, well, just how hard it was for a dictatorship, bolstered by the entire military at that time some 30 years ago, to cook any ... well, "document."

It was around that time that we also concocted a brand new Constitution, which, by the way, only legitimized the dictatorship. So what more some mere letters?

Yet it took JPE that long to reveal to the public what he knew about the Meralco takeover. By now, after those 30 long years, I could even need a facelift myself.

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ANYWAY, "the truth is the truth," JPE says, "even in a hundred years." Well said, those words were, even for somebody who admitted he staged a bogus attempt on his life.

In 1986, when the people restored democracy and, in the process, saved the life of JPE, he said he faked his own assassination as groundwork for the Marcos dictatorship.

He said he did it to help his boss, and master, the late dictator Ferdinand Marcos, to impose upon an entire nation something as earth-shattering as a dictatorship.

It altered the course of our history. It affected every man, woman, and in-between. Up to now, with all that 'cleptocracy' during the dictatorship, it still makes us miserable.

I don't know if we can trust the same man who still keeps quiet about all the stealing under the dictatorship, but now peddles "documents" for the sake of the truth.

Me, I would say that, even if the JPE "documents" were authentic, it's just for media show. What does he hope to accomplish? It's just for tape recorders and cameras.

It has absolutely no use, except perhaps to sick students of tribal practices involving human sex organs, much like a video cassette of Asi Taulava's circumcision,

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FOR the last time, Clementine, the Supreme Court already ruled on the Marcos dictatorship takeover of Meralco. It said that what JPE now claims as "truth" was hogwash.

So really, what did JPE had in mind when, at a time the court was deciding on the Meralco case, he never revealed the so-called "truth" that the takeover was legal.

It was so legal, and the takeover's engineers themselves honestly believed it was so legal, they simply had to hide everything behind a foundation.

Under the Marcos dictatorship, you see, the Lopez shares in Meralco went to the then newly formed Meralco Foundation. Why did it not go to the government directly?

Like it or not, the government could just have nationalized the damned thing. The government already took the generating plants of Meralco and gave them to Napocor.

I mean, it was not as if the Marcos dictatorship put the Lopez holdings in Meralco in a shadowy foundation, just because it hated government takeovers, as a principle.

Maybe the engineers of the Meralco takeover, such bright guys as CZ or AA or MC, were just shy or something. A "foundation" sounded noble. Well, less greedy!

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THAT very set-up, in which they kept everything in a "foundation," precisely, spoke of the very same grand style of the Marcos dictatorship.

For it was the usual scheme. Go ask the PCGG, under what names are the Marcos wealth stashed away in Switzerland, if they are not all sorts of ... well, "foundations."

That, in police lingo, is called a modus operandi.

Putting the Lopez holdings in Meralco under the name of a foundation, which could then be milked, was actually the idea of a high-caliber management team.

What do you know—they are all dead! And dead men can't talk anymore! So now the story can be told by somebody else who claims to have the, er, "documents."

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IT used to be that, if you have no money, you have a little problem. Today if you have money, you have a major problem. You have nowhere to put the money.

A bank savings account pays an interest of one percent per annum. At that rate, to double your money, you wait for the next life.

You may get 4 percent yearly interest on time deposit, which is slightly better than the savings rate, because to double your money, it takes only one lifetime.

The best bet of the moneyed should be government IOUs, which still pay up to 6 percent. But the IOUs are like the hotel basements. Everybody is already parked there.

And then stocks are so down, you can step on them. As for investments in real estate ... what real estate?

You can go for golf club shares. They are cheap, but they have limited market. Only a group of a thousand people buys and sells golf club shares to each other.

You have the same problem with paintings and jewelry. Only the wives, if not the mothers, buy those things. They are hard to liquify.

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IN a way, those who have money should be forced to put it into business. Precisely it is the aim of the low interest rate policy of the Bangko Sentral.

Those who are already in business should put more money in the business for expansion, or they should be looking for other new businesses.

It seems that San Miguel, starring Danding Cojuangco and Ramon Ang, and SM Prime, featuring Henry Sy, are doing that.

It's all the bad climate. And I'm not talking about the El Niño weather phenomenon. It's these problems in peace and order, and in politics.

Honorable members of the House of Representatives are ready to treat us, the voters, to a constitutional crisis.

Somebody did something not nice in the United States, and Mr. Somebody does not want to face the music there.

I thought such an actuation only reflects a criminal mind. Just do whatever it takes, even make people fight, just so that you save your A.

That's good for business, if you are his lawyers or allies in Congress.

Deutsche Bank offers to handle $1-B bond float

By Clarissa S. Batino

FOREIGN investment group Deutsche Bank has offered to underwrite a $1-billion global bond issue for the Philippine government in its desire to make amends for a double-counting offense committed by one of its officers.

Deutsche urged its former country manager, Finance Secretary Jose Isidro Camacho, to tap the foreign markets now while rates were still favorable. The bank believes that now is the best time for the government to raise foreign funds.

In a proposal submitted Monday to the finance department, Deutsche Bank offered to handle a 10-year global bond issue for the government for a fee of 30 basis points. The spread was placed at 386 basis points over a 10-year benchmark rate of 3.65 percent.

Market experts believe the rate proposed by Deutsche was favorable to the government and that it was cheaper compared with the 15-year global bonds issued in January, which had a coupon rate of 9.375 percent. The 15-year bonds had a 10-year put option provision and was structured in such a way that it would pay a 10-year interest despite a longer maturity of 15 years.

Deutsche's offer came after the government announced that it was considering returning to the long-term global bond market to raise about $500 million. The amount will be on top of its $2.3 billion external financing requirement for 2003.

The Philippines has $1.2 billion worth of unused securities registered with the US Securities and Exchange Commission that it can readily tap for the global bond deal.

Deutsche also encouraged the government to re-open the five-year Euro bond facility, through which the government raised $300 million in early September. National Treasurer Sergio Edeza acknowledged that a five-year Euro bond issue was one of the likely options for the government.

Camacho said the government had received offers to tap the five-year facility at lower than 7.5 percent, which was the rate used in the earlier transaction handled by ING Bank.

Orders for the Philippine bonds that were listed at the Luxembourg Stock Exchange reached $525 million but the government capped the borrowing at $300 million.

Peso falls to 14-month low ...

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said a trader.

The local foreign exchange market, said another trader, remained jittery as prospects for the government to keep the budget deficit below the ceiling dimmed.

A government source said that the deficit in September was estimated to reach P160 billion because of higher interest payments. The market believed that the full-year gap could hit P190 billion.

A strong demand for dollars usually depreciates the peso and not even the growing dollar remittances from overseas workers could offset the supply crunch.

The central bank, however, gave its assurance that the government has sufficient ammunition, pointing to the $16-billion dollar reserves in the BSP vaults, to quash attacks on the peso.

Traders noted that the central bank stayed out of the market yesterday. The volume of transactions rose to $145 million from $52 million on Tuesday.

BSP clears circular on 'bancassurance'

THE BANGKO Sentral ng Pilipinas has finished a draft circular allowing banks to sell insurance products through their branches.

In a forum of the Bank Marketing Association of the Philippines yesterday, BSP Assistant Governor Nestor Espenilla said the Monetary Board would take up the circular on "bancassurance" probably in the next few weeks.

If approved by the Monetary Board, the circular will allow banks to sell certain life and non-life products of insurance companies where they have at least a 5-percent stake.

"Bancassurance" is a French term referring to the selling of insurance through a bank's established distribution channels.

The result is a bank that can offer banking, insurance, lending and investment products to a customer.

In the circular approved by the central bank, only commercial banks will be allowed to engage in bancassurance initially.

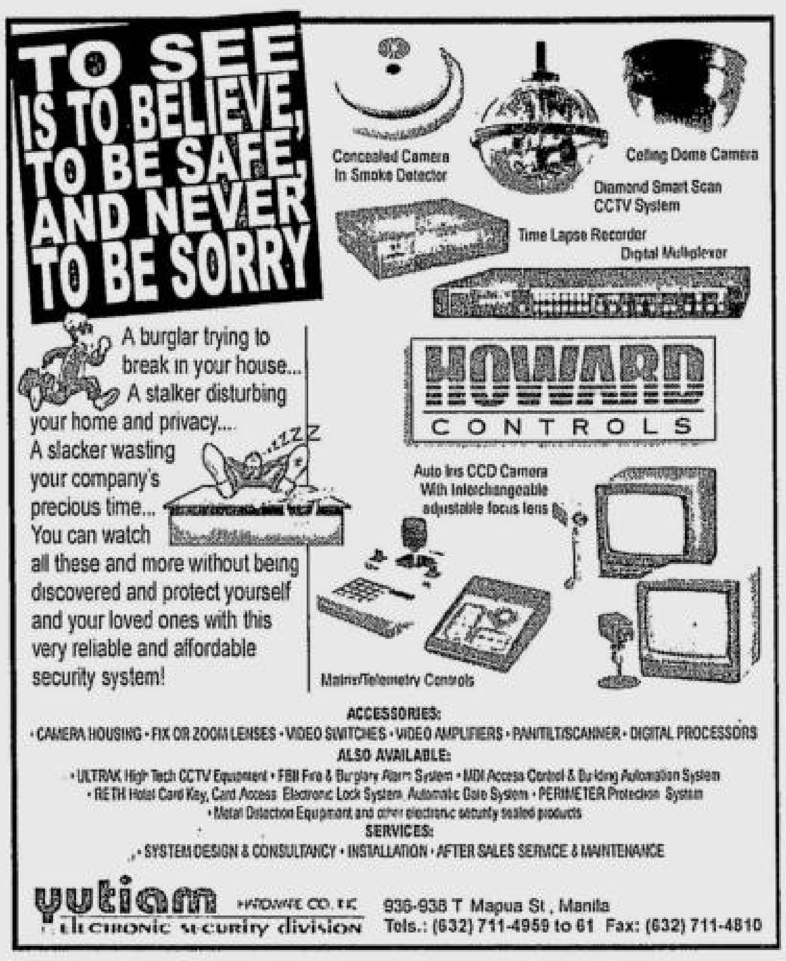
The BSP earlier wanted to limit the sale of insurance products to those of insurance companies where banks had at least a 51-percent stake.

Elena R. Torrijos

DOE gets security fund

AMID rising concerns over oil supply security, the Department of Energy said yesterday it has secured from Norway a P15-million fund for a comprehensive program of promoting the country's oil basins to international exploration firms.

Simplicio Caluyong, a DOE senior science research specialist, said in an interview the two governments were firming up plans of cooperating on the Philippine Petroleum Exploration Investment Promotion project.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NOTICE OF TENDER OFFER TO STOCKHOLDERS OF ALSONS CEMENT CORPORATION

Union Cement Corporation ("UCC") is making a tender offer to buy approximately 12% of the issued and outstanding common shares of Alsons Cement Corporation ("ACC") from the minority stockholders of ACC. At the option of the ACC stockholders, the consideration of the acquisition shall be:

(a) P0.28 for one (1) common share of ACC, or

(b) one (1) UCC share for every 3.7 ACC shares, with any remaining fractional shares paid in cash on the basis of a price of P0.28 per share.

UCC has entered into an agreement with a majority stockholder of ACC, Cemco Holdings, Inc. ("Cemco"), for the acquisition of approximately 88% of the issued and outstanding common shares of ACC.

The offer period is from October 2, 2002 to 3:00 p.m. on November 12, 2002. The offer period will not be extended.

Tendering shareholders shall have the right to withdraw any ACC shares tendered at any time during the Offer Period, unless such ACC shares have been previously accepted for payment by UCC. If tendered ACC shares are not accepted by UCC after the expiration of sixty (60) business days from the start of the offer period, tendering shareholders may likewise withdraw their ACC shares.

For withdrawal of the ACC shares to be effective, a written notice of withdrawal must be timely received by the AB Capital Securities, Inc. (the "BROKER") at the address set forth below. The notice must specify the name of the tendering shareholder and the number of ACC shares to be withdrawn. If the stock certificates evidencing the ACC shares have been delivered to the BROKER, the serial numbers shown on such certificates must be submitted to the BROKER prior to the physical release of such certificates. No request for withdrawal of fractions of ACC shares will be considered. The BROKER shall have the right in its sole discretion, to determine the form and validity of the notice of withdrawal, including the time of receipt thereof.

The issuance of UCC shares pursuant to the tender offer is conditional upon the registration of said shares with the Securities and Exchange Commission ("SEC") in accordance with the Securities Regulations Code and the listing of said shares with the Philippine Stock Exchange ("PSE"). ING Bank N.V. has confirmed that UCC has sufficient funds and/or unissued shares to satisfy full acceptance of the offer.

This offer is subject to the terms and conditions of the Terms of the Tender Offer and the SEC Form 19-1 filed with the SEC and the PSE on October 2, 2002. Copies of said SEC Form 19-1 are kept at the offices of the BROKER at 3/F Asian Plaza Building, 328 Sen. Gil J. Puyat Avenue corner Tordesillas Street, Salcedo Village, 1200 Makati City. ACC shareholders who wish to obtain a copy of said document may look for Mr. Lamberto M. Santos, Jr.

After the completion of the acquisition by UCC of approximately 88% of the shares in ACC from Cemco, a petition for voluntary delisting the shares of ACC will be filed with the PSE.

For inquiries regarding this tender offer, please call Mr. Lamberto M. Santos, Jr. or Mr. Ericson C. Wee at 8945461 or 8945477. For inquiries about the number of shares of a shareholder in ACC, please call Mr. Richard D. Regala at 8924825

UNION CEMENT CORPORATION

By:

ROBERTO M. LAVIÑA
Executive Vice-President and Chief Financial Officer

15th Negros 'Art & Soul' Trade Fair opens

THE 15TH Negros Trade Fair opened yesterday at the SM Megamall.

"Our trade fair is always a long-awaited event for Manila buyers, a reunion of Ilonggo Manila residents and a source of pride for all Negrenses," ANP president Reena Gamboa-Peña said.

Dubbed "Art & Soul," the fair features products that "reflect the soul of Negros and the excellent art of its skilled workers," Peña said.

Special guests on opening day were Sen. Loren Legarda and Bacolod City Mayor Luzviminda Valdez.

The winners of the Bulawan (Golden) Awards, a design competition among ANP members, were announced.

THE PHILIPPINE STOCK EXCHANGE, INC.

NOTICE TO ALL LISTED COMPANIES

Please be informed that the Securities and Exchange Commission has approved the Policy on Updating of Stock Certificates of The Philippine Stock Exchange, Inc. The same is printed below for your guidance. The Policy shall take effect on October 7, 2002.

ERNEST C. LEUNG
President

POLICY ON UPDATING OF STOCK CERTIFICATES

In order to promote orderliness in the trading of listed securities, the Exchange hereby adopts the policy regarding the updating of stock certificates, as follows:

1. Issuers whose shares are listed in the Exchange are required to ensure that *within three (3) months* after effecting a change in *name* or *any capital structure information* (e.g. number or value of shares represented by the stock certificates is increased or decreased as a result of an adjustment in the capitalization of the company, a stock split, a reverse stock split, declassification or reclassification of shares, or any similar event) **such change is reflected in the subsequent issuance of new certificates arising from:**
    - **(a) settlement of an over-the-counter trade;**
    - **(b) an upliftment request by an investor having position in the PCD;**
    - **(c) a direct transfer request; or**
    - **(d) after other similar situations that would require the cancellation of old certificates and issuance of replacement thereof.**
2. Companies which have already effected change(s) in name or capital structure information prior to effectivity of this policy, but are still issuing certificates bearing the old name or information, are given three (3) months from date of receipt of copy of this Policy within which to comply.

The Exchange shall suspend trading of securities of companies, which fail to comply with this policy within the period provided until compliance thereof.

Philippine Institute of Certified Public Accountants

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56th PICPA ANNUAL NATIONAL CONVENTION

Bacolod City, Negros Occidental

The Philippine Institute of Certified Public Accountants (PICPA) will hold its 56th Annual National Convention to be hosted by the Negros Occidental Chapter on November 26-29, 2002 in Bacolod City.

The convention will focus on the learning and relaxing activities as follows:

November 26, Tuesday - Annual Planning Conference (National Officers)

November 27, Wednesday
9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. - Annual Planning Conference (continuation)
- Educators Forum
4:00 p.m. - Opening Plenary Session
6:00 p.m. - Governor's and Fellowship Night

November 28, Thursday - Technical Sessions
8:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m. - Good Governance
10:30 a.m. - 12:00 Noon - Financial Restructuring
2:00 p.m. - 3:30 p.m. - GAAS/GAAP/BOA Updates
4:00 p.m. - 5:30 p.m. - BIR/Tax Updates
Evening - Regional Competition (Mardi Grass)

November 29, Friday - Annual Business Meeting
- Awarding Ceremonies
- Closing Plenary Session
- Evening to Remember

Sports and individual/group tours can be arranged upon request of the participants.

The conferences fee are as follows:

If payment is received on or before October 31, 2002 - P4,000.00
If payment received after October 31, 2002 - P4,500.00
For accompanying person - P2,500.00

For details, please get in touch with your local PICPA Chapter or the PICPA Negros Occidental Chapter at (034) 434-7191 or the PICPA National Office Secretariat at 723-06-91 to 95 or 723-54-67; fax no. 723-63-05 or visit the PICPA website under a new internet address: www.picpa.com.ph from which you can download the registration form. Please fax the form immediately to PICPA Negros Occidental Chapter or at the PICPA National Office Secretariat. For the hotel accommodations you can also download from the PICPA Website the different rates of the available hotels in Bacolod City.

The website contains the latest news on PICPA and its Chapters: SFAS/IAS, and PSAS/ISA; Exposure Drafts and Technical Papers on relevant issues. The PICPA website now has hyperlinks to the PRC, BIR, SEC, SSS and BSP Website.

We also like to invite all PICPAns to check out the WebServices feature of the site which can be availed of by a registered PICPA Webpage Subscriber. All subscribers will also enjoy unlimited access to the Subscriber only PICPA knowledge database which contains the most recent government rulings and other information that is vital to our profession, the accountancy profession.

The first three hundred (300) subscribers to the PICPA website will be given a personal webpage and personal e-mail link in the site. All this for a modest annual subscription fee of only P1,000.00.

ADVT

Port operators ask DTI to ready contingencies for labor lockout

By Gil C. Cabacungan Jr.

PHILIPPINE exports may grind to a halt if a labor dispute that has paralyzed US West Coast ports remains unresolved for more than a week.

ICTSI chair Enrique Razon said this yesterday, as he urged the Department of Trade and Industry to draw up contingency measures in case Philippine exports to the United States get hampered by a prolonged lockout.

"So far, the lockout, which went on its fourth day yesterday, has not affected our shipments to the US. But if the crisis lasts beyond one week, our exporters would have to look for other avenues otherwise they would have to incur losses," Razon warned.

Razon said the West Coast ports were the main gateway for Asian goods, including the Philippines, to the United States. He estimated that almost half the country's total exports were passing through these ports.

Razon said exporters could either airlift their goods or go through the East Coast, where it would have to incur substantial cost increases and fall in line after bigger exporting countries in Asia such as China and Japan that were most likely to get priority in the allocation of the precious few slots.

"My feedback is that President Bush would intervene to prevent an extended closure of the West Coast. But if there is no quick solution, our exports would be in serious trouble," Razon said.

The lockout of the United States' busiest ports started Sunday, when the Pacific Maritime Association, which represented the shipping lines, locked out workers definitely. The closure of the 29 West Coast ports was estimated to cost the US economy $1 billion in losses.

Razon said the workers were demanding higher wages and resisting the computerization of their operations that would mean massive layoff.

Razon said it was important for the DTI to come up with a contingency plan to mitigate the impact of a prolonged lockout on the Philippine economy.

Federation of Philippine Industries chair Meneleo Carlos said his group has so far received no complaints of delays from its members although he admitted that problems might come pouring in later if the lockout was extended.

Gov't urged to review policies

By Abigail L. Ho

THE GOVERNMENT should consider improving its competition policies, including those covering the existing functions of regulators in the telecommunications, transportation and energy sectors.

In a paper titled "Philippine Competition Policy in Perspective," Philippine Institute for Development Studies senior research fellow Erlinda Medalla said the country still needed to develop its current "competition rules" for its industries to progress.

She said although the country had already reaped substantial benefits from the implementation of significant reforms in terms of liberalization and deregulation, there were still a lot of issues to be resolved to sustain these benefits.

"Unbundling the services to separate segments that should be subject to greater competition is among the important parts of the reforms that should be sustained. Another key area for improvement is formulating a clear policy on access to these essential facilities (including telecommunications, transport and power)," she said.

A key element that needs to be scrutinized is the use of price/rate fixing as part of the regulatory framework. Medalla cited the telecommunications industry as an example with the National Telecommunications Commission setting end-user rates.

LABORERS work on a column of steel bars at a construction site in Makati. At least 638,875 Filipinos left the country to work overseas in the first eight months of the year. AFP

CAP has covered trust fund deficiency, SEC says

By Elena R. Torrijos

COLLEGE Assurance Plan Philippines Inc., the country's largest pre-need company, has covered its P2.5 billion worth of trust fund deficiency, the Securities and Exchange Commission has reported.

In a news briefing, SEC Chair Lilia Bautista disclosed that CAP submitted on Monday documents supporting a funding scheme covering its trust fund deficiency.

These documents represented "substantial compliance" with the commission's requirements, Bautista told reporters.

The SEC earlier ordered CAP to submit by Sept. 30 documents supporting a program to cover its trust fund deficiency. CAP would have lost its license to sell pre-need plans had it failed to meet this deadline.

CAP corporate secretary Romela Bengzon said CAP submitted to the SEC documents covering P1.7 billion worth of Metro Rail Transit bonds, P744 million worth of bank guarantees, P160 million in cash and P36 million in real estate.

Bank of Commerce, which handles the bulk of CAP's trust fund, and the Philippine Veterans Bank are providing the bank guarantees.

The properties tendered in the funding scheme are located in Digos, Davao del Sur, and Kidapawan, Cotabato.

These assets raise CAP's trust fund to P12 billion from P9.48 billion.

CAP had, until now, been the only pre-need company with a trust fund deficiency for its 2001 accounts.

A trust fund is a critical component in the mechanism designed to guarantee the capacity of pre-need companies to meet their future obligations to their stakeholders.

The SEC has placed the trust funds of the pre-need industry at P44 billion, up by P7 billion since six months ago, and has declared that all 46 pre-need companies are solvent.

A trust fund deficiency puts in doubt the ability of a pre-need company to meet its obligations to its clients.

A deficiency represents the shortfall of a pre-need firm's trust fund against its actuarial reserve liabilities or the present value of the amount of its obligations to its planholders. The trust fund must equal the actuarial reserve liabilities.

Some SEC officials said they were still evaluating the actuarial valuation reports of CAP and other pre-need companies to ensure that their trust funds were healthy.

Over a month ago, the SEC disaccredited CAP's actuary, John Adelbert Austria, for wrong assumptions in CAP's actuarial valuation report.

Actuaries are professionals who calculate insurance risks and premiums, taking into account the probability of the occurrence of various contingencies of human life, such as birth, marriage, sickness, unemployment accidents, retirement and death.

They also evaluate the hazards of property damage or loss and the legal liability for the safety and well-being of others.

Banks to be required to disclose more information

BANKS will soon be required to disclose more information about their financial condition in line with international best practices, a ranking central bank official has announced.

In an interview, Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas Assistant Governor Nestor Espenilla said the central bank would draw up new regulations calling for banks to disclose more details about their financial health.

The central bank will eventually require banks to disclose their capital adequacy ratio based on the risk-based capital system.

A bank's capital adequacy ratio is a measure of the amount of its capital expressed as a percentage of its risk weighted credit exposures. This ratio is used to protect depositors and promote the stability and efficiency of financial systems around the world.

Analysts used to make a rough computation of the capital adequacy ratio of banks before the central bank moved to the more complex risk-based capital regulation.

Two types of capital are measured: tier one capital, which can absorb losses without a bank being required to cease trading, and tier two capital, which can absorb losses in the event of a winding-up and so provides a lesser degree of protection to depositors.

Espenilla said the move to shift to international disclosure standards should improve market discipline and corporate governance.

In other jurisdictions, he said, banks are required to publish their amount of tier one and tier two capital and to disclose loan classifications.

The BSP currently does not require these details to be disclosed in the quarterly published statements of condition or annual reports and other filings of banks.

In banks' published statement of condition, however, they state their amount or percentage of loans to directors, officers, stockholders and related interests.

They are also required to report their level of non-performing loans and real or other property owned and acquired.

Figures on bad loans and Ropoas indicate the level of bad assets that banks are carrying.

Espenilla said the public deserved more information that would help them decide where to place their money. *Elena R. Torrijos*

PHILIPPINE STOCK EXCHANGE

(As of Wednesday, October 2, 2002)

STOCKS	OPEN	HIGH	LOW	CLOSE	VOLUME
BANKS & FINANCIAL SERVICES					
BANKS					
Asiatrust Dev. Bank Inc.	4.6	4.6	4.6	4.6	11,000
Banco de Oro Univ. Bank	19	19.25	19	19	59,600
Bank of the Phil. Islands	44	44.5	43.5	43.5	333,000
Citystate Savings Bank	14.25	14.25	14.25	14.25	50,000
Equitable PCI Bank Inc.	29	29.5	29	29.5	50,300
First E-Bank Corp.	1.22	1.22	1.2	1.2	195,000
Metropolitan Bank & Trust	33	33.5	32.5	32.5	292,700
Philippine National Bank	29.5	29.5	29	29	21,500
Rizal Comm. Banking Corp.	10.75	10.75	10.75	10.75	5,000
Security Bank Corp.	12	12.25	12	12	63,400
Union Bank of the Phil.	18.5	18.75	18.5	18.5	18,900
FINANCIAL SERVICE					
Filipino Fund Inc.	0.38	0.41	0.38	0.4	1,070,000
Manulife Financial Corp.	1105	1105	1105	1105	480
Sun Life Financial Serv.	850	865	850	860	3,560
COMMERCIAL & INDUSTRIAL					
COMMUNICATION					
ABS-CBN Broadcasting Corp.	22	22	21.75	21.75	3,500
Digital Telecom Phils Inc.	0.49	0.49	0.44	0.46	3,980,000
Globe Telecom Inc.	462.5	462.5	455	455	5,090
Ipeople Inc.	0.74	0.74	0.74	0.74	10,000
Island Info and Tech Inc.	0.029	0.029	0.029	0.029	200,000
Piltel	0.26	0.26	0.26	0.26	500,000
Phil. Long Dis Tel Co.	280	282.5	275	277.5	360,100
Philweb.Com Inc.	0.01	0.011	0.01	0.011	7,400,000
POWER & ENERGY					
Manila Electric Co. A	18.75	18.75	18.5	18.5	49,100
Manila Electric Co. B	32	32	31	31	852,100
Petron Corp.	1.6	1.62	1.6	1.62	1,171,000
Salcon Power Corp.	1.78	1.78	1.78	1.78	150,000
TRANSPORTATION SERVICES					
Int'l Container Term'l Sv	2.44	2.48	2.44	2.44	1,296,000
William, Gothong & Aboitiz	3.7	3.7	3.55	3.6	14,256,000
CONSTRUCTION & OTHER RELATED PRODUCTS					
Republic Cement Corp.	0.42	0.42	0.4	0.4	200,000
FOOD, BEVERAGES & TOBACCO					
Alaska Milk Corp.	2.2	2.2	2.2	2.2	3,000
Jollibee Foods Corp.	13.75	14	13.75	14	125,000
La Tondeña Distillers Inc.	32.5	32.5	32	32	20,000
RFM Corp.	0.84	0.84	0.84	0.84	10,000
San Miguel Corp. A	54	54	53.5	54	65,300
San Miguel Corp. B	58	59	58	59	535,300
Vitarich Corp.	0.32	0.32	0.32	0.32	100,000
HOLDING FIRMS					
Ayala Corp.	5.2	5.2	5.1	5.2	5,197,000
Aboitiz Equity Ventures	2.36	2.36	2.36	2.36	7,229,000
Ajo.Net Holdings Inc.	0.23	0.23	0.23	0.23	10,000
ATN Holdings Inc.	2.65	2.65	2.5	2.6	106,000
Balabac Resources & Hldgs.	0.12	0.12	0.12	0.12	30,000
Benpres Holdings Corp.	0.24	0.24	0.23	0.23	1,790,000
Crown Equities Inc.	0.19	0.19	0.19	0.19	200,000
Southeast Asian Cement	0.06	0.06	0.06	0.06	100,000
First Phil Hldgs Corp.	13.5	13.5	13.5	13.5	23,500
House of Investments Inc.	0.58	0.58	0.58	0.58	200,000
Ionics Inc.	3.95	3.95	3.95	3.95	3,000
J.G. Summit Holdings Inc.	1.32	1.36	1.32	1.36	10,584,000
Macroasia Corp.	0.67	0.67	0.67	0.67	10,000
Megaworld Corp.	0.58	0.59	0.58	0.59	330,000
Multitech Inv. Corp.	0.35	0.35	0.35	0.35	30,000
Metro Pacific Corp.	0.27	0.27	0.26	0.26	1,880,000
Philtread Holdings Corp.	2	2	2	2	10,000
Roxas Holdings Inc.	0.71	0.71	0.71	0.71	50,000
Solid Group Inc.	0.31	0.31	0.31	0.31	30,000
MANUFACTURING, DISTRIBUTION & TRADING					
Jardine Davies Inc.	12.25	12.25	12.25	12.25	300
Mabuhay Vinyl Corp.	0.51	0.51	0.51	0.51	60,000
HOTEL, RECREATION & OTHER SERVICE					
Belle Corp.	0.38	0.38	0.38	0.38	810,000
Manila Jockey Club	7.5	7.5	7.5	7.5	2,000
BONDS, PREFERRED & WARRANTS					
ABS-CBN Hldgs. Corp.(Pdr)	22	22	22	22	563,300
Jollibee Warrants	13.25	13.25	13.25	13.25	20,600
PLDT (10% Pref) Series T	10.25	10.25	10.25	10.25	100
PLDT (10% Pref) Series V	10.25	10.25	10.25	10.25	2,100
PLDT (10% Pref) Series W	10.25	10.25	10.25	10.25	1,300
PLDT (10% Pref) Series X	10.25	10.25	10.25	10.25	100
PLDT 10% Pref Series Aa	10.25	10.25	10.25	10.25	1,300
PROPERTY					
Ayala Land Inc.	5.6	5.6	5.5	5.6	3,428,000
Cityland Development Corp.	2	2	2	2	50,000
C & P Homes Inc.	0.19	0.19	0.19	0.19	400,000
Cyber Bay Corp.	0.135	0.135	0.135	0.135	300,000
Empire East Land Inc.	0.165	0.165	0.165	0.165	510,000
Filinvest Land Inc.	1.08	1.08	1.06	1.06	580,000
Highlands Prime Inc.	1.98	2	1.98	2	104,000
MRC Allied Ind. Inc.	0.18	0.18	0.18	0.18	3,700,000
SM Development Corp.	1.04	1.04	1.04	1.04	590,000
SM Prime Holdings Inc.	5.6	5.7	5.6	5.7	2,813,000
Universal Rightfield Prop.	0.038	0.038	0.038	0.038	200,000
MINING					
Atlas Cons. Min & Dev't	1.6	1.6	1.6	1.6	39,000
Manila Mining Corp. A	0.003	0.003	0.003	0.003	5,000,000
OIL					
Pacifica	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.01	2,000,000

	SHARES	VALUE(P)
Bank & Fin Svc	2,174,440	33,618,850.00
Comm'l & Ind'l	60,565,090	300,913,760.00
PRO	12,675,000	37,527,410.00
Mining	5,039,000	77,400.00
OIL	2,000,000	20,000.00
GRAND TOTALS ;	82,453,530	372,157,420.00

	AVERAGES	
Bank & Fin Svc	429.05	DOWN 3.22
Comm'l & Ind'l	1,540.85	DOWN 4.35
PRO	506.34	UP 7.91
Mining	1,111.65	UP 2.89
OIL	1.19	UNCH 0.00
All Shares Index	615.14	UP 10.09
Composite	1,114.70	DOWN 1.08

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Country	Unit	Euro Equivalent	Foreign currency in US$	Foreign currency in Peso
United States	Dollar	1.017087	1.000000	52.4190
Japan	Yen	0.008307	0.008167	0.4281
United Kingdom	Pound	1.592860	1.566100	82.0934
Hong Kong	Dollar	0.130408	0.128217	6.7210
Switzerland	Franc	0.683526	0.672043	35.2278
Canada	Dollar	0.643115	0.632311	33.1451
Singapore	Dollar	0.569000	0.559441	29.3253
Australia	Dollar	0.551357	0.542094	28.4160
Bahrain	Dinar	2.697987	2.652661	139.0498
Saudi Arabia	Rial	0.271201	0.266645	13.9773
Brunei	Dollar	0.570180	0.560601	29.3861
Indonesia	Rupiah	0.000113	0.000111	0.0058
Thailand	Baht	0.023419	0.023026	1.2070
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Korea	Won	0.000835	0.000821	0.0430
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DISCLOSURES

ATLAS Consolidated Mining & Development Corp. has announced the election of Hilario Farcon as acting chief operating officer and Noel del Castillo as assistant corporate secretary. The company will hold its annual stockholders meeting on Dec. 20.

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WILLIAM, Gothong & Aboitiz Inc. will hold a special stockholders meeting on Nov. 11, with record date on Oct. 11, to determine stockholders entitled to receive notice of the meeting.

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THE CHANGE in the name of **Urbancorp Realty Developers Inc.** to **EIB Realty Developers Inc.**, as well as the change in its stock trading symbol to "EIBR," shall be reflected in the Philippine Stock Exchange's computer system on Monday.

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APEX Mining Co. Inc. has approved its anti-money laundering operating manual and designated Mignon Bragais as reporting and compliance officer. ***Compiled by Maricar D. Tolosa, PDI Research***

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INVITATION TO APPLY FOR ELIGIBILITY AND TO BID

All parties interested to bid for the project described below are invited to submit for Application for Eligibility and to Bid with the Clark Development Corporation (CDC), Clark Special Economic Zone, Clarkfield, Pampanga. Only eligible contractors with experience in the construction of Airport pavement works in the last 5 years will be invited to participate in the forthcoming bidding.

A. Name of the Project: **DMIA – Phase Two**
Taxiway D-02 and AOPS 04-06

B. Project Description/Scope of Works

The proposed project shall include supervision and supply for all labor, materials and equipment, as follows.

1. **Apron, AOPS 04, 05 & 06**

   Reconstruction and strengthening the existing apron consisting of the following: New PCC Pavement, Asphalt (AC) Overlay with geogrid paving membrane. Demolition of Existing PCCP, Drainage, Pavement Markings, and Apron Flood Lightings.

2. **Taxiway, TD-02**

   Reconstruction and strengthening the existing taxiway consisting of the following: Asphalt (AC) overlay with Geogrid membrane, Demolition of Existing PCCP, Drainage, Pavement Markings, and taxiway edge lightings.

3. **Miscellaneous Works**

   Demolition of existing Building 7576 and Re-grading the area for Drainage.

   Conduct Falling Weight Deflectometer (FWD) Testing in the finished pavement and determine PCN values for AIP reporting.

C. The Approved Budget for the Contract Works to be Bid is **(Php 250,000,000.00).**

D. Required PCAB Registration and Classification/License:

PCAB Principal Qualification and Category
General Engineering "AAA"
Kind of Project and Respective Size Ranges
Road, Highway Pavement, Railways, Airport horizontal structures and Bridges
Large Sub-Category B

E. Cost of Eligibility Statement/Forms

Php1,000.00 (non-refundable)

Issuance date: **Sept. 30 to Oct. 4, 2002 only from 8:00 am to 5:00 pm**
Clark Development Corporation
Clark Special Economic Zone, Clarkfield, Pampanga

F. Deadline for submission of Accomplished Eligibility Statements

October 11, 2002 (Wednesday) 5:00 pm

Addressed to: **Mr. DOUGLAS B. YBALLE**
BAC Chairman
Clark Development Corporation
Clark Special Economic Zone, Clarkfield, Pampanga

G. Time and date of submission and opening of bids, Pre-Bid Conference and Site Inspection shall be confirmed in the Notice of Eligibles.

Application for Eligibility and to Bid is open to all contractors with valid PCAB (Philippine Contractors Accreditation Board) Contractors License and registration. Prospective bidders are required to submit a **letter of intent and certified true copy of the Contractors License** upon purchase of the forms for Application for Eligibility and to Bid and shall bring the original copy of the Contractors PCAB License Classification Registration for verification and authentication purposes.

Bid Documents shall be issued only to the eligible contractors duly notified by CDC in writing upon payment of the non-refundable cost of the documents.

All particulars relative to the eligibility process, bidding, evaluation of bids, award of contract and project implementation shall be governed by the latest provision of Executive Order No. 40 and PD 1594, as amended and its Implementing Rules and Regulations.

CDC reserves the right to reject any and all bids, waive any minor defect therein, and accept the offer it deems most advantageous to the Government, nor does CDC guarantee that an award will be made.

(Sgd) **Mr. DOUGLAS B. YBALLE**
BAC Chairman

(This is the corrected version.)

(PDI - Sept 26 & Oct. 3, 2002)

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CLARK DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION
Clark Special Economic Zone

INVITATION TO APPLY FOR ELIGIBILITY AND TO BID

Clark Development Corporation (CDC) through its Bids and Award Committee invites interested life insurance companies to apply for eligibility and bid for the Annual Group Life Insurance Coverage with Accidental Death and Disablement and Total Permanent Disability Riders for its officers and regular employees.

The Terms of Reference for the undertaking shall be available on September 26 to October 9, 2002 from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. at the PBAC Chairman Office, 1st Floor, Bldg. 2125, E. Quirino St., Clark Field, Pampanga upon payment of a non-refundable fee of Php 5,000.00 in cash.

A pre-bid conference will be held on October 15, 2002, 2:00 p.m. at the AOG Conference Room, Bldg. 2125 E. Quirino St., Clark Special Economic Zone, Clarkfield, Pampanga. Attendance to the Pre-Bid conference is a requirement for pre-qualification.

The approved budget for the bidding of the Group Life Insurance Plan Coverage for CDC officers and regular employees is One Million Seven Hundred Fifty Thousand Pesos (P1,750,000.00).

CDC reserves the right to reject any or all bids without offering any reason, waive any formally, informally and/or defect and to make an award to the bidder whose proposal is most advantageous to the government.

All inquiries and letter shall be addressed to:

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Clarkfield, Pampanga

(Sgd.) **DOUGLAS B. YBALLE**
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MOTORING

Editor **Cesar D. Mangawang**

Dare to run your engine with coco-based diesel

By Tessa R. Salazar

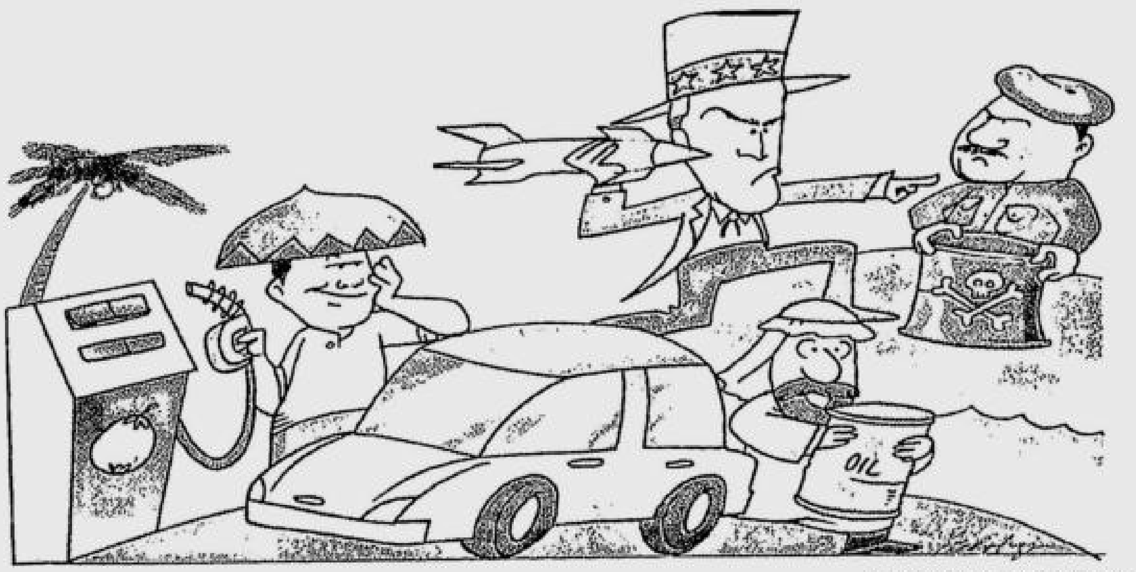

ILLUSTRATION: ALBERT RODRIGUEZ

YOUR fuel indicator is flashing yellow as your queue at a gas station seems to run forever. Ambulances, fire trucks and police cars line up along with public utility vehicles. Power plants shut down, waiting in vain for the next shipment of crude oil to fuel its turbines. The country comes to a halt, starved and thirsty for oil that will not come until a war thousands of miles away stops.

That is the alarmists' scenario of how a protracted US-Iraq war can affect the Philippines. But there are more optimistic opinions. Energy Secretary Vince Perez assured the country two days ago that there is an adequate supply of oil in the event of a Mid-East conflict—62 days to be exact. Futhermore, observers note a war between Iraq and the United States does not necessarily result in a total halt in fuel supplies from other Mideast countries, as pointed out in the Iraq-Kuwait-US conflict a decade ago. And besides, other oil-producing Asean nations can help each other out in filling the gap.

Oil suppliers

The Philippines gets much of its oil from Middle East countries like Saudi Arabia, Iran, United Arab Emirates, Oman and Qatar. Malaysia, Indonesia and Australia supply the rest. Take out those five major oil suppliers in a worst-case scenario, and it's not hard to see that the minor suppliers will be hard pressed to meet the country's oil demands.

> The possible resumption of hostilities between Iraq and the United States threaten to drain global oil supplies to the bottom of the barrel, here's one alternative Saddam can't touch

There might be a way to rid out this oil supply problem. And that way leads to CME. Coco methyl ester can be loaded into diesel engines without any engine modification. It has been proven to be the best alternative to diesels, said proponents and CME users. CME is also an engine conditioner and a diesel fuel enhancer. Compared to methyl ester biofuels from other vegetable oils in Europe and the United States, it does not require retrofitting or replacements in engine parts. Soybean, rapeseed and palm oil methyl esters require replacements of rubberized fuel lines to prevent dissolution of such parts.

CME is commercially pegged at P44 per liter compared to the P14.90 per liter of diesel fuel. Some, however, blend CME with diesel fuel to reduce smog and improve engine performance. Combining diesel with CME is said to reduce sulfur emissions. The engine performance of a diesel-CME mix is said to improve greatly if the esterification process were to be used on the coconut component. Actual road tests of vehicles running on pure CME showed fuel consumption was 8 km/liter for city driving and 10 km/liter for country driving. Even just a smidgen of CME—2 to 5 percent—blended with diesel fuel can reduce smog by about to 80 percent.

The Philippine Coconut Authority, on the other hand, recommends blending 5 percent CME with diesel fuel.

Philippine Coconut Research Development Foundation executive director Emil V. Carandang said the private sector is recommending that CME be blended with diesel fuel instead of totally substituting it for improved engine performance and dirt-free air.

So, what if you put in CME in your tanks? Won't we "feel" anything different?

DARE/ B8

The cutest ute

ON THE ROAD

Aida Sevilla-Mendoza

IF there were a contest for perfect timing, Suzuki Motor Corp. would take first prize. Why? Suzuki launched the cutest, lowest-priced sport utility vehicle on the market just when the price of oil began to soar due to war clouds gathering over Iraq.

As a fuel-efficient compact sport ute, the 2002 Suzuki Jimny provides welcome relief from the gas-guzzling, top-heavy incredible hulks that comprise the dominant SUV category. Suzuki claims that the Jimny is recognized as the No. 1 light SUV in the world today. Even if Suzuki's competitors dispute that claim, they cannot dispute the fact that at P599,000 for the JLX model and P549,000 for the JX (both manual transmission), the Jimny has the lightest price tag among all the cute utes in the market.

Before I left for my annual vacation last month, Suzuki delivered a bright red Jimny JLX to my doorstep for two days of road tests.

Classified as an AGV (all-around compact vehicle) but priced lower than the average 2002 model Asian utility vehicle, the two-door Jimny with its compact dimensions seats only four adults, including the driver. It makes no pretensions about being a family carriage and is clearly targeted at singles who want transportation that is more adventuresome than a passenger sedan.

Toughie in disguise

And more capable of tackling rough terrain, one might add. The Jimny might be the cutest ute in town because of its small size, but underneath that adorable baby exterior lurks a genuine shift-on-the-fly 4WD system and a sturdy ladder-type full frame—the basics for serious off-road performance. In short, the Jimny is a 4X4 toughie in cute disguise.

But the Jimny is fine for city driving, too. Its compact size and light weight (1,120 kg gross vehicle weight) demand less driver effort in heavy traffic and less space in parking areas. Although I found its gear shift lever a bit notchy and the steering somewhat light, the Jimny is nimble, easy to handle and control. Its smooth-revving 1.3-liter, 16-valve twin cam all-aluminum engine with multipoint injection and electronically controlled exhaust gas recirculation produces peak 80.5 HP/5,500 RPM horsepower and max torque of 110 Nm/4,500 RPM—sporty-adequate for a car this size. On the Skyway, the Jimny hit 120 kilometers per hour effortlessly, its maximum speed being 140 km/h.

Suzuki claims that the fuel-efficient Jimny engine consumes only 9.5 liters per 100 km in city driving and 6.8 liters/100 km on the highway for a combined average fuel consumption rating of 7.8 liters/100 km.

The brakes of the Jimny are impressively strong. And no wonder: these are high-performance brakes with 8-inch vacuum servo and load-sensing proportioning valve.

Comfy interior

Inside, the Jimny is not as luxurious as the interiors of costlier cute utes, but the fabric-covered seats are comfortable and knee, leg and elbow room is adequate. The ergonomically designed dashboard puts components, pedals and levers within convenient, stress-free reach. An AM/FM CD audio system with 4 speakers is standard equipment. The separate rear seats can be folded down to increase cargo space and the walk-in rear door makes cargo loading easy. The

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SUZUKI

Motorshow opens 13th season

By Jun Alano
Contributor

MOTORSHOW International (Philippines), the country's premier auto and cycle exhibit, yesterday opened its 13th season at the World Trade Center for yet another banner year, highlighted by a display of classic and contemporary cars and motorcycles as well as an array of special events for motoring buffs.

Foremost among this year's attractions are a 1962 Ford Thunderbird owned by Dominador Veñegas and, a 360 Ferrari Modena from the Auto Toy Store of Dondie Montecillo.

Leading this year's exhibitors is Honda Philippines Inc., assembler of Honda motorcycles, along with Hyundai Asia Resources Inc., exclusive distributor of Korean-made Starex vans, and Viking Cars Inc., importer and distributor of Volvo cars.

The Indian Embassy and the Sri Lankan Embassy are also part of this year's Motorshow, which is sponsored by Petron, Oriental and Motolite Corp., Lexber Holidays International (the official leisure company of Motorshow), Northwest Airlines, Casino Filipino, Reibet Auto Shoppe, Citylite 88.3, Joey@92.3, dwTM 89.9, and Rev Magazine (the official magazine of Motorshow).

Other exhibitors are Dai-Ichi Electronics Manufacturing Corp., MGME Marketing Corp., Spirit Electronics System Inc., Artocad Creation Enterprises, Bizcom International Corp., Clorox (Philippines) Inc., European Decals, Miles and Levels Philippines Inc., Republic Chemical Industries Inc., Ropa Marketing/VNS Ventures, Sara Lee Philippines Inc.

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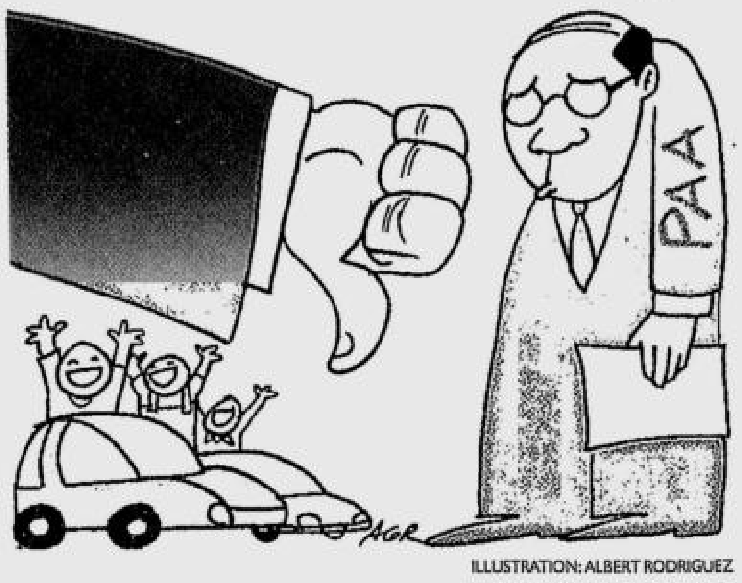
MOTORSHOW/ B8

Regional court junks case vs used vehicle importers

By Charles E. Buban



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IN WHAT seems to be a seesaw battle between secondhand vehicle importers and the country's automotive franchise dealers, the former got the upper hand this time when the Regional Trial Court allowed the Land Transportation Office to continue from registering secondhand vehicle imports at the Subic Bay Freeport Zone.

In a four-page order dated Sept. 26, 2002, Presiding Judge Eliodoro Ubiadas of the Olongapo RTC Branch 72 dismissed the case filed by the Philippine Automotive Association on Aug. 23 in Civil Case No. 367-0-2002 against principal defendant Land Transportation Office for violating the rule on forum shopping and failure to exhaust first administrative remedies available.

In dismissing the case, Ubiadas no longer resolved PAA's motion to extend the temporary restraining order to 17 more days.

The Association of Philippine Auctioneers composed of Asia International Auctioneers, United Auctioneers, and Auction in Malinta welcomed the decision saying this came at a time when several groups are pushing to restrict their business operation. "This only shows that we are professional auctioneers, engaged in a legitimate operation—not just a fly-by-night operation," said Dominic Sytin of APA.

On Aug. 29, 2002, the PPA was able to secure from another Olongapo RTC, a three-day TRO stopping the LTO from registering secondhand imported vehicles that entered through the Subic Bay Freeport. The TRO lasted only up to Sept. 2. The PAA in an earlier report is hoping to eventually secure a permanent injunction preventing the registration of imported secondhand vehicles.

Forum shopping

Ubiadas, who received the case in his sala on Aug. 23, wrote in his decision that the case was filed only after a Quezon City RTC under Civil Case No. Q-02-47541 (dated Aug. 23) denied its application for a TRO. "The allegations in the complaint filed in Quezon City (RTC) are identical with the allegations in the present complaint," Ubiadas noted in his order.

The complaint, according to the decision, "refers to the same subject matter (filed before the Quezon City RTC) which is to implement Executive Order 248 and the Guidelines for No-Dollar Importation of Secondhand Motor Vehicles of Returning Residents/Immigrants, with reference to Republic Act 8506; the same issue which is the registration by the Land Transportation Office of secondhand motor vehicles without complying with the said executive order, guidelines and RA 8506; with the same principal parties."

Citing an earlier Supreme Court ruling, Ubiadas wrote that forum shopping refers to vexation caused the courts and/or administrative agencies to rule on the same or related causes and/or to grant the same or substantially the same reliefs, in the process creating the possibility of conflicting decisions being rendered by the different courts for the same issue. Citing another Supreme Court ruling, Ubiadas wrote that the sanction for violation of the rule on forum shopping is the dismissal of all the cases.

If forum shopping was allowed, the decision said, the PAA can again withdraw the present case and file it in another forum where there is another branch of the LTO in the hope of securing a favorable action on its cause of action. "If this is allowed, what we shall witness is a 'shopping' spree by litigants for favorable action in their cases and a clogging of court dockets," the judge wrote in his decision.

Exhaust other remedies

The decision also added that the implementation of the executive order, guidelines and law sought by the PAA are within the competence of the various departments of the executive branch of the government. It suggested the PAA should have filed the case before the LTO, or to the Department of Transportation and Communications, for proper relief or in the event of an unfavorable action.

"The (Department of Trade and Industry) can be tapped also to implement the guidelines it issued," the decision further suggested.

The PPA, the country's biggest group of automotive franchise dealers, is questioning the legality of the used vehicle importation in Subic, especially since the vehicles are sold domestically and not reexported. It argued that the SBMA could only bring the secondhand imports if these where reexported to other countries after their conversion in Subic.

The PAA, which cited the No-Dollar Importation of Second-Hand Motor Vehicles of Returning Resident/Immigrants 'law, regulates the importation of secondhand motor vehicles without depriving returning residents and other qualified individuals to bring motor vehicles in the country for personal use under certain conditions. On the other hand, the RA 8506, which it also cited in the case refers to banning of the registration and operation of vehicles with right-hand steering wheel in any of the country's private or public street, road or highway.

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Motorshow opens . . .

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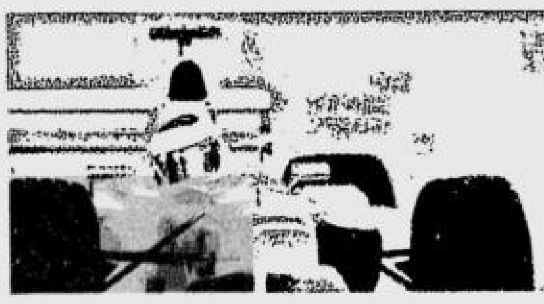
Special events for the 2002 Motorshow, which will run until Oct. 6, include the Honda Clinic, a test ride and motorcycle checkup from Honda Philippines, the Volvo Test Ride, the Motorshow In Scale, seminars on tire care and maintenance from Madag International, plus raffles and games from exhibitors.

There will also be product launches from Nodalo's Trading, William Parts, a Motolite Day from Oriental and Motolite Corp., the annual Car Clubs Meet by



The Circuit

SHELL-FERRARI RULES INDIANAPOLIS GP

Rubens Barrichello led home a Ferrari one-two in the US Grand Prix, finishing just a hundredth of a second ahead of Michael Schumacher as the pair staged a grandstand finish at Indianapolis. Schumacher had been ahead for the entire race, but allowed Barrichello to draw alongside as they approached the chequered flag. In the end it was the Brazilian who won by just 0.011 seconds - the closest finish in F1 history.

After celebrating the fifth win of his Formula One career, Barrichello, who is now confirmed as runner-up in the 2002 drivers' championship, said the close finish had not been orchestrated. "It wasn't planned," he said. "We never said at the beginning of the race. We had a lot of fun in the race trying to be as fast as each other. What can I say? I thank Michael very much and the whole team for the support over the year. I guess we have everything now - the constructors' (title) and one-two in the drivers' (championship). It was an important race for me to win. I got to the last corner and I didn't know what to do. Michael was very kind to let me finish equally. It (the difference) was zero so that is equal. I just pointed a little in front! I am now looking forward to 2003. We have built up a fantastic team, although who knows if it will be better, the same or worse than this year."

Reliability has been an important factor in Ferrari's extraordinary achievements over the last few years, and the close working relationship with Shell has been a vital factor in this record-breaking series of victories. Shell Vice President of Retail Russell Caplan spoke of the importance of the Ferrari and Shell relationship "Ferrari is our four wheel laboratory and as we are constantly pushing back the technological barriers we are able to transfer the knowledge we gain from the Formula One car to products for the road car user. Our products are the direct result of our work with Ferrari. Our products are working in the most stressful environment possible, you are always on the brink of destroying the car and how they cope with that enables us to transfer that technology to the road car products."

The new qualifying engine that was first used in Monza was used last Sunday with no problems. The advantage of this engine was obvious in the results of the qualifying session. In addition to this, Shell also gave Ferrari a new oil for the qualifying round which clearly paid dividends. "Last Sunday's oil was the result of a long period of testing with Ferrari," said Shell trackside Activity manager Hauke Hartwig. "It has given the engine more power and yet maintains the excellent reliability we have enjoyed all year." The close relationship between Ferrari and Shell now extends to Shell having its own office within the Ferrari factory complex. As Russell Caplan says "This not only demonstrates the level of trust and expertise that exists between our two companies but also provides a central place from which ideas and developments are continually exchanged."

Technical Director Ross Brawn said "we had a trouble free session with both cars, except for the fact Michael could have gone quicker but for the yellow flags. Last Sunday, we used the same qualifying engine which we had in Monza and it worked very well."

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RP needs Lemon Law, agency to monitor vehicle defects

By Juliet L. Javellana

THE PHILIPPINE automotive industry's best-kept secret is now out.

Unlike in other countries, car manufacturers in the country deal with defects in vehicles through the "Silent Campaign."

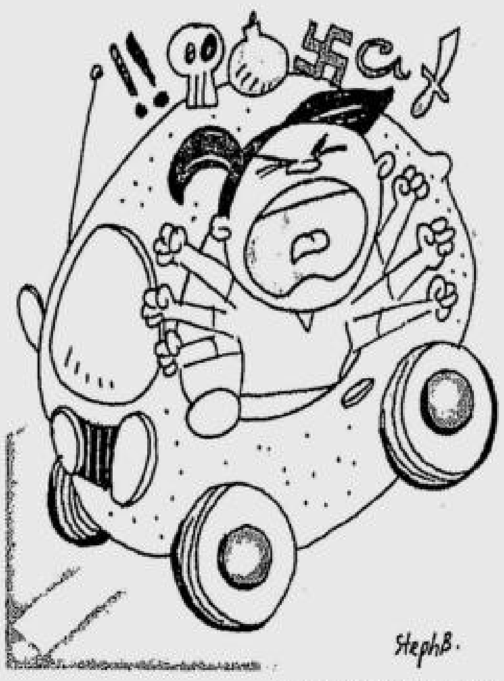
"The silent campaign is correcting a defect found in the course of servicing a vehicle by the dealer and the manufacturer based on a warranty claim," said Alex Loinaz, automotive technology consultant.

"The manufacturer could correct the defects but there is no recall from the market," Loinaz said.

This campaign, he said, works to the disadvantage of the many millions of car owners in the country because the information on vehicle defects stays only with the manufacturers.

"The intention of the manufacturers is good, they would like to repair the vehicles but the consumers never realize the defects of the vehicles," said Loinaz.

He said that aside from the Lemon Law which protects consumers from defective vehicles, the United States also has a powerful government agency which monitors the defects in vehicles, collates all the data and compels the manufacturer to recall the defective units from the market.



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He said the US National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) monitors all vehicles' defects and enforces compliance of manufacturers to safety standards.

Loinaz said consumers call a toll-free number to report problems in their vehicles.

"This agency also monitors the activities in the (auto) service industry because all service information on all problems brought to manufacturers should be given to this agency," Loinaz said.

"So when a factory defect is found on a number of cars, the manufacturer is required to make a recall that is why they have the voluntary or mandatory recall," he said.

This is in addition to the US Lemon Law which protects the consumers who have bought defective vehicles.

"In our case, we don't have this system. What we have is the silent campaign of the car manufacturer," said Loinaz, who worked briefly as consultant in a Toyota dealership.

Loinaz also served as Senate consultant for the Clean Air Act.

Loinaz said the Consumers Act of the Philippines requires dealers and manufacturers to disclose to the owners the real problems of their vehicles.

But he said this is not enough because the disclosure is only to the consumers and not to a government agency which can take steps to correct factory defects.

He said another problem is that the manufacturer may not have the competent people to make the repairs and thus their standard may be low.

Loinaz said that because of the growing complaints about the quality of vehicles, it is about time that legislators enact a Lemon Law and create an agency similar to the NHTSA.

"If we are interested in protecting the consumers, we should have this agency," Loinaz said.

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I WOULD like to know about the catalytic converter. How does it work?

—Carlo Aclaro

With pollution having become an ever growing concern, automakers have made many refinements to car engines and fuel systems to help reduce the amount of pollution produced by cars. One particular device was developed to help reduce emissions further by treating the exhaust before it leaves the car. This is the catalytic converter. Its name comes from the simple principle that it uses a catalyst to convert harmful emissions. Essentially, it is a pollution-control device, placed in the exhaust system of an automobile, which uses a catalyst to convert three harmful compounds in car exhaust into harmless compounds.

The most familiar or notorious of these harmful compounds is carbon monoxide. It is a poison for any air-breathing animal and it is formed by the combustion of gasoline. Secondly, there are hydrocarbons in the form of unburned gasoline which produces smog. And finally, there are nitrogen oxides which lead to both smog and acid rain and are created when the heat in the engine forces nitrogen in the air to combine with oxygen.

The catalyst at work is in the form of platinum and palladium and is coated onto a ceramic honeycomb. The honeycomb is really made up of ceramic beads housed in a muffler-like package. The catalyst helps convert carbon monoxide to carbon dioxide; the hydrocarbons to carbon dioxide and water; and the nitrogen oxides back into nitrogen and oxygen.

The hunt for Revo heats up

ALSO included in the promo is the VX200.

TOYOTA Motor Philippines Corp. launches this month another blockbuster customer financing promo for the Revo—"The Hunt For REVOctober." The new financing promo from Toyota will run for the whole month and will feature exciting financing packages all offering easy ways to buy the country's best selling vehicle model. Due to a huge public clamor, the TMP has also announced the inclusion of the widely popular VX200 and SR J-Series models in the promo.

Supported by the country's leading banks and financial institutions, the "Hunt For REVOctober" promo features zero-interest plans, low down payment schemes and low monthly payments for all Revo models. All Revo GSX, GLX, GL and DLX variants are offered with various zero-interest plans ranging from 20 percent down payment for one year up to 50 percent down payment for 18 months.

Another special feature for the promo is the low down payment schemes for all Revo models from the high-grade VX200 to the basic DLX variant. For a down payment as low as P82,600, a customer can already drive home a Revo DLX M/T and just pay off the balance depending on their choice of payment plans ranging from 12 months up to 60 months. Aside from the flexible payment plans, the promo made even better with the special interest rates being offered.

The VX200-J is the most popular among the Revo models in the market owing to the host of luxurious features that can be found inside and outside. The audiovisual entertainment system alone has already driven a lot of customers to all Toyota showrooms to get their own VX200 only to be surprised to find out that it's also fitted with window visors and backup sensors that complete its luxury package.

And because of this huge clamor that Toyota decided to also offer the VX200 and SR J-Series models in the financing promo. Both premium models are available with several low down payment plans and low monthly payment schemes to choose from. VX200-J customers will be treated to a down payment as low as P144,600 or they can opt for the low monthly plan of as low as P9,712 in a span of 60 months. This is Toyota's way of thanking its customers for making the Revo the best selling and most reliable vehicle in the market today.

On top of all the perks offered, all Tamaraw FX Revos are covered by Toyota's guarantee of three-year or 100,000-km warranty coverage, a testament to Toyota's commitment to the highest product quality and world-class after-sales customer support.

After producing over 115, 000 units of Tamaraw and Revos and earning the distinction as the best-selling vehicle in the market today, Toyota only has its loyal customers to thank for the unwavering trust and patronage of its vehicles. In return, every brand-new Toyota vehicle that drives out of its showrooms has the commitment of the highest customer satisfaction from the No. 1 automotive company in the country today.

Toyota-Nissan pact is one of a kind

FULL TANK

Al Mendoza

HISTORY was rewritten a while back when Toyota and Nissan forged an agreement that would last 15 years.

Are we seeing the dawning of a new era in the motoring industry?

We all know that Toyota and Nissan are among the bitterest of rivals in Japan. Nissan has been itching for years, if not decades, to dethrone Toyota as No. 1 carmaker, not only in Japan but also in the entire world.

And now this agreement to do business together. The world, indeed, is changing. It's like seeing Osama bin Laden being treated to a banquet dinner by George W. Bush at The Oval.

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Saito-san of Toyota and Okuba-san of Nissan signed the agreement last month appointing Toyota as supplier of information and physical properties of the hybrid vehicle to Nissan.

The first system supply will be started in 2006. Afterward, Toyota will start the technological cooperation with Nissan for the next 10 years.

Will the agreement include the group company such as Renault, Daihatsu and Hino?

Toyota said it will cooperate with Renault should Renault seek it, but only within the spirit of the agreement.

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Nissan initiated the agreement after it heard Toyota's Mr. Cho say, "Toyota is ready to disclose environmental technology" at the Toyota environmental forum last year.

The agreement was divided into two: "Basic" and "Specific.'"

"Basic agreement" means both companies agreed for starting business transaction of the hybrid system, including a future technical cooperation. "Specific agreement" means that Toyota will supply approximately 20,000 hybrid systems for a Nissan car that will be produced and sold by Nissan in the United States for five years, starting in 2006, as a first project of this agreement.

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The salient point of the agreement, parts-wise of the hybrid system, is that Toyota will supply Nissan with the main components such as transaxle, battery, inverter and system control.

Engines and other incidental parts are not included.

But here's a big catch for Nissan: Toyota will disclose the know-how of vehicle adoption to Nissan. In return, though, Nissan's technical expertise for hybrid system components such as lithium-ion battery will be shared with Toyota.

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Why did Toyota agree to build a business relation with Nissan?

Because Toyota likes Nissan's basic philosophy of direction in both business and technology development for the promotion of hybrid vehicles.

Further, Toyota takes cognizance of the fact that another company producing the hybrid vehicle would redound to the benefit of the world market because cost reduction will be realized through mass production from different car companies. The vision of an environment-friendly vehicle will also be enhanced via this cooperation.

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I commend the move of the two motoring giants. It is now hoped that with this breakthrough agreement between Toyota and Nissan, the rest of the motoring industry would soon follow in their footsteps.

Although the world's fuel reserves are not into danger levels yet, it is commendable on the part of such car companies like Toyota and Nissan to be always on the move to find ways to look for, if not invent, alternatives to power a vehicle with less toxic materials. The air we breathe is more important than the car we ride in.

Here's a glass to Toyota and Nissan.

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Dare to run your engine with coco-based diesel

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Carbon deposits on the headspace of the engine might chip off and fuel lines might be blocked when CME is introduced to the engine and the vehicle is repeatedly restarted. No need to panic, said Carandang, because you can always have the fuel filter changed or cleaned and the vehicle will start running again.

"You can mix one liter of CME with a full tank of gasoline diesel. (The blend) is more than one percent but less than 2 percent. The worst that can happen is that carbon deposits can chip off and plug the fuel filter. But don't worry about it. If you run smoothly, the deposits will just melt away and the engine performance will improve, just like a newly overhauled engine," assured Carandang.

CME can be used in compression-ignition diesel engines even without any engine modifications, stressed Senbel Fine Chemicals Co. Inc. (senbel@vasia.com), which produces CME. CME is also used for industrial facilities, said Senbel vice president Sandy T. Santos.

Senbel's manufacturing facility is found in Lucena City. The launch of its biodiesel was held on Sept. 13 at the Grand Central Terminal in Lucena City.

Deadlier enemy

Clean air proponents and health care professionals stress that a deadlier enemy needs to be eliminated: smog. Filipinos, especially children under 6, they claim, have long been hostage to smog-related diseases. The main culprit is the motor vehicle.

CME would do away with sulfur dioxide, a colorless gas and a precursor to acid rain.

Burning fossil fuels also release nitrous oxide that increases susceptibility to viral infections, bronchitis and pneumonia among humans. Carbon dioxide from vehicles is responsible for almost half of the effects of greenhouse gases. Other pollutants derived from burning fossil fuels are hydrocarbons, nitrogen oxide and methane.

Although CME's prohibitive prices as of today would not make it a feasible total substitute to diesel fuel, its environmental and economic effects may well be worth its price.

For one, experts say increased CME production could save the coconut industry. The Philippines has 3 million hectares filled with coconut trees producing 2.4 million metric tons of copra and 1.2 million MT of coconut oil. And 80 percent of these are exported.

CME seems too good to be true, and still its promises may not be enough to convince motorists. How to convince motorists to shift to CME, or at least add CME to their fuel tanks, is still a tall order, said automotive technologist Alex Loinaz.

Convincing people that CME will have no harmful effects on their engines would be the major obstacle. CME proponents insist that all fuel oils from coconuts undergo "esterification," which would make it fit for every diesel engine without a need for any engine modification.

And it seems that CME would become even more expensive. Last month news went around that expected prices of coconut oil in the world market would hit at least $500 per ton due partly to declining supplies from the Philippines.

The INQUIRER reported last month that PCA administrator Danilo Coronacion said that the output of copra was expected to fall to 2.3 million MT this year from 2.85 million MT in 2001. Copra output, he further predicted, would fall further to 1.5 million MT in 2003.

And then there is the problem of quality control. If ever somebody would produce CME, who will guarantee its quality control? "It should meet fuel specifications. Nobody can just prepare it because CME may suffer from low quality," said Carandang.

He stressed that the country doesn't have enough laboratory or testing centers that can assess CME quality. Senbel, he said, can guarantee quality CME. It is a lone producer.

But where does the ball start rolling? Will the supply come first before the demand, or vice versa? Perhaps it can start with a single motorist toying with the idea of putting in CME in his old pickup. What does he have to lose?

SUZUKI Jimny

The cutest ute

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large windshield, big glass windows and lower-mounted spare tire at the rear give the driver expansive all-around visibility.

Airbags and ABS are optional active safety equipment, but this is understandable given the Jimny's low price. However, the Jimny's agility, strong brakes and acceleration would help the driver avoid accidents. The Jimny's body and frame structure are computer-designed to absorb the force of frontal impact and spread it away from the passengers, while side door beams and 3-point ELR seatbelts on all seats are additional passive safety features.

Bottom line, the Suzuki Jimny is definitely a buy, especially for young singles. Where else can you get a brand-new 4WD sport ute plus a fun image for less than P600,000? The only thing I don't like about the Jimny is the bouncy ride provided by its rigid full-width axles front and rear. But then, after a while you get accustomed to it and sort of forget about it because driving the cutest ute in town is so delightful.

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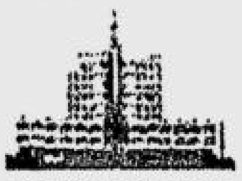

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Clark Special Economic Zone, Clark Field, Pampanga

INVITATION TO APPLY FOR ELIGIBILITY AND TO BID

Clark Development Corporation (CDC) invites interested Filipino Domestic Contractors to submit Application for Eligibility, and subsequently to Bid, if found eligible, for the Project, to wit:

Contract Package Name and Location	Scope of Works	IAC Category and Classification	PCAB License Category	Approved Budget	Project Duration
Supply and Installation of Additional Taxiway Guidance Signages & Rehabilitation of Existing Signages with Replacement Spare Parts for DMIA, Clark Special Economic Zone, Pampanga	Airfield Ground Lighting System and Electrical Works with Civil Works	At least Medium B for Navaids Facilities (AGL) Installation and Electrical Works (Specialties)	"A" – General Engineering	Php 20 Million	150 Calendar days

Prospective Contractors should have at least five (5) years proven experience and excellent track record as prime contractor in Airfield Ground Lighting System (particularly Taxiway Guidance Signages Project) and the value of prospective contractor's largest single contract completed must be equivalent to Php 20M. The prospective contractors shall fully comply with all the requirements and criteria stated in the Application for Eligibility / Eligibility Forms and in the Instructions to Applicants for Eligibility to Bid for the subject Project.

Application for Eligibility and Eligibility Forms will be available for issuance from September 30 to October 08, 2002 upon submission of proofs (a certificate of completion and acceptance of previous experiences on Taxiway Guidance Signages Projects with similar volume for the last five years) and a Letter of Intent addressed to the Chairman, Bids and Award Committee, and payment of a non-refundable fee of Pesos: One thousand (Php 1,000.00) at the Office of the BAC Chairman, AOG Bldg. #2125, CSEZ, Clark Field, Pampanga. Duly accomplished Application for Eligibility and Eligibility Forms shall be submitted on or before **4:00 PM of October 11, 2002** at the address mentioned above.

All particulars relative to the eligibility of bidders, bid evaluation and determination of lowest calculated responsive bids and award of contract shall be governed by the pertinent provisions and Implementing Rules and Regulations of E.O #40 and PD 1594 as amended.

Eligible Contractor (s) shall be notified in writing and only those who had been pre-qualified by CDC for the subject project may secure proposal / bid documents, specifications and Terms of Reference for the subject Project upon payment of a non-refundable fee of **Php 10,000.00**. Submission and opening of bids will be announced later.

CDC reserves the right to reject any or all applications for eligibility and proposals, to waive any defect or required formality therein, and to accept such proposal / offer and to award the Project to the proponent whose proposal / bid is considered as the lowest calculated responsive bid and most advantageous to the government nor it does guarantee that an award shall be made.

Should Bidders need any further information or clarification regarding the subject Project, bidders may inquire with Engr. Ruel T. Angeles of the Diosdado Macapagal International Airport (DMIA) at tel. No. 045-5992523.

(Sgd) **Mr. Douglas B. Yballe**
BAC Chairman

(PDI - Sept 26 & Oct 3, 2002)

(This is the corrected version.)

Republic of the Philippines
Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao
Department of Health
OFFICE OF THE REGIONAL SECRETARY
ORG Compound, Cotabato City
Tel. Nos. (064) 4216842; 4217703
Fax. No. (064) 4216842

INVITATION TO APPLY FOR ELIGIBILITY AND TO BID

IAEB NO. 015

The Department of Health — Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao (DOH-ARMM) hereby invites sealed written bids for the procurement of various hospital and laboratory equipments for the use of government hospitals in Sulu and Basilan, with an approved budget of **Thirty One Million Seven Hundred Ninety Four Thousand Two Hundred Eighty Eight Pesos (PhP31,794,288.00)** chargeable against the Philippines-Canada Development Fund (PCDF).

Only responsible and duly accredited suppliers/ manufacturers/ distributors as certified by the Department of Health Accreditation of Supplier's Committee are qualified to participate for the following hospital equipments:

Package-A (Medical-Surgical-Laboratory Equipments)		
1.1	Ambu bag - Adult	11units
1.2	Ambu bag - Pediatric	11 units
1.3	Autoclave Machine	5 units
1.4	Binocular Microscope	8 sets
1.5	Sphygmomanometer, mercurial	27 sets
1.6	Stand bowl (Super Stainless)	1 pc.
1.7	Centrifuge for Hematocrit, 6 placer	2 units
1.8	Clinical Centrifuge, 8 placer	5 units
1.9	Delivery Room Spotlight	6 units
1.10	Delivery Room Table	7 units
1.11	D and C set	8 units
1.12	ECG Machine	7 units
1.13	Examination Table	2 units
1.14	Plasma Extractor	1 unit
1.15	Hospital Bed Trauma	6 sets
1.16	Infant Bassinet with foam	9 units
1.17	Laryngoscope with handle and blade	15 sets
1.18	Minor Surgical Set	14 sets
1.19	Major Surgical Set	11 sets
1.20	MD II Blood Cell Counter	6 units
1.21	Nebulizer, portable	21 units
1.22	Oxygen Tank with regulator complete acc.	26 units
1.23	Pulse Oximeter	1 unit
1.24	Serological Shaker	2 units
1.25	Sterilizer Instrument - Adult	11 units
1.26	Sterilizer Instrument - Pediatric	11 units
1.27	Stethoscope, dual diap - Adult	15 units
1.28	Stethoscope, dual diap - Pediatric	21 units
1.29	Suction Machine, Heavy	16 units
1.30	Suction Machine, Portable	11 units
1.31	Traction Frame	3 pcs.
1.32	Wheeled Stretcher	19 units
1.33	Food Trolley	2 units
1.34	Hospital Bed	128 units
1.35	Weighing Scale-Pediatric	14 units
1.36	Weighing Scale-Adult	14 units
1.37	Operating Room Light	1 unit
1.38	Laundry and Cleaning Trolley	1 unit
Package-B (Specialized Medical Equipment)		
2.1	Cardiac Monitor with Pulse Oximeter	4 units
Package-C (Specialized Laboratory Equipment I)		
3.1	Chemistry Analyzer	1 unit
Package-D (Specialized Laboratory Equipment 2)		
4.1	Hemoscale Model AB 20	1 unit
Package-E (Specialized Laboratory Equipment 3)		
5.1	LC Hematology Analyzer/Diluter and Thermal Printer	1 unit
Package-F (Specialized Surgical Equipment)		
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Package-G (Specialized Diagnostic Equipment 1)		
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Package-H (Specialized Diagnostic Equipment 2)		
8.1	X-ray Machine	3 units
Package-I (Dental Equipments)		
9.1	Dental X-ray Machine	3 sets
9.2	Surgical Dental Instruments	7 sets
9.3	Dental Chair	7 units
9.4	Light Cure Unit	3 units
9.5	Ultrasonic Scaler	1 unit
Package-J (Other Equipments)		
10.1	Diesel Generator, 25 KVA	2 units
10.2	Diesel Generator, 5 KVA	2 units

Interested eligible bidders may obtain the bidding documents and further information at the DOH-ARMM Regional Supply Office from September 25 to October 7, 2002, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday to Friday.

A complete set of bidding documents may be purchased by interested bidders upon payment of Two Thousand Pesos (PhP2,000.00) non-refundable fee and upon submission of authenticated DOH-Supplier's Accreditation Certificate.

A Pre-Bid Conference shall be held on October 8, 2002, 9:00 a.m. at DOH-ARMM Training Center.

Sealed bids must be received at the address below on or before 10:00 a.m. of October 23, 2002. All bids must be accompanied by a bid security in the form of cash, manager's check or surety bond callable upon demand, issued by a surety or insurance company accredited by the Insurance Commission, in accordance with the following schedule:

Form of Security	Minimum Amount in % of Approved Budget for each Package
1. Cash or Manager's Check	One Percent (1%)
2. Surety Bond	Two and a half percent (2-1/2%)

Bid opening, examination and evaluation will be held on October 23, 2002, 2:00 p.m. until completed at the DOH-ARMM Training Center in the presence of participating bidders or their duly authorized representatives.

All documents should be submitted to: **The Chairman**, Regional Procurement, Bids and Awards Committee, DOH-ARMM, ORC Compound, Cotabato City.

The Department of Health-ARMM reserves the right to accept or reject any bid or all bids or parts thereof, to waive any defect and informality found therein, to annul the bidding process and reject all bids at anytime prior to award of contract without thereby incurring any liability to the affected bidder or bidders or any obligation to inform them of the grounds of the DOH-ARMM's action and to award the contract or any part thereof to the bidder whose proposal as evaluated, is most advantageous to the Government.

By Authority of the Regional Secretary of Health

Sgd OMAR L. MATUAN
Administrative Officer V
Chairman, Regional Procurement, Bids & Awards Committee

(PDI - Sept 24 & Oct 3, 2002)

Pambansang Pangasiwaan ng Patubig
(NATIONAL IRRIGATION ADMINISTRATION)
Lungsod ng Quezon

INVITATION TO BID

Bid No. LCPIS-032-02

The National Irrigation Administration (NIA) invites interested bidders to participate in the bidding for the Supply, Delivery and Installation of the following:

One (1) unit Industrial Diesel Engine, radiator cooled, 4 cycle, turbo charged, direct injection, 265 HP (minimum), 1800 rpm (maximum) with PTO thru friction clutch with control lever

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Said items shall be used in the prosecution of Libmanan-Cabusao Pump Irrigation System, Camarines Sur. The Approved Agency Budget is P3,800,000. Any bid that is above the Approved Agency Budget shall be automatically disqualified.

All bids shall be accompanied by a Bid Security equivalent in % of the Approved Budget in any of the following forms:

1. Cash, Certified Check, Cashier's Check, Manager's Check, Bank Draft or Irrevocable Letter of Credit	- One Percent (1%)
2. Bank Guaranty	- One and a half percent (1 1/2%)
3. Surety Bond callable on demand	- Two and a half percent (2 1/2%)

Accreditation form may be secured from 23-30 September 2002 at the Procurement Division, Ground Floor, NIA, Quezon City, Tel. No. 921-3906.

Bid Documents shall be issued to accredited bidders starting 30 September to 11 October 2002 upon payment of non-refundable amount of Two Thousnd Pesos (P2,000) at the same address.

Pre-bid shall be on 17 October 2002, 2:00 PM at the Conference Room of the Systems Operation Equipment Management (SOEM) 4th Floor, IEC Bldg., NIA Compound, Quezon City.

Bids shall be opened on 24 October 2002, 2:00 PM at the same venue.

NIA reserves the right to reject any or all bids, to declare the bidding a failure, to waive any or all informalities and make award where it may deem proper for the advantage of the government.

(Sgd.) ISIDRO R. DIGAL
Chairman

(PDI--Sept. 24 & Oct. 3, 2002)

UNIVERSITY OF THE PHILIPPINES LOS BAÑOS
College, Laguna

INVITATION TO BID

The University of the Philippines Los Baños (UPLB) invites interested parties to submit sealed bids for the public bidding of Security and Janitorial Services.

Interested parties may secure bid documents and the checklist of the qualification requirements from Supply and Property Management Office (SPMO).

The schedule of the bidding activities is as follows:

Particulars	Date/Time	Place
Issuance of Bid Documents	October 9-14, 2002/ 8:30 AM - 5:00 PM	SPMO
Pre-Bid Conference	October 17, 2002, Thursday/10:00 AM	SPMO
Opening/Submission of bids	November 7, 2002, Thursday/10:00 AM	SPMO

Bidders shall submit two (2) sealed envelopes containing a) TECHNICAL DOCUMENTS (e.g. qualification requirements indicated in the checklist, bid security as to form amount and validity period, authority of signatory, after sales service/ parts, catalogues/brochures/other literatures, etc.); and b) FINANCIAL DOCUMENTS at the Supply and Property Management Office, UPLB.

The UPLB reserves the right to reject any and all bids, or declare a failure of bidding, or not award the contract, if there is evidence of collusion between relevant public officers or employees of the agency or the BAC and any of the bidders, or among the bidders, or between bidders and third parties, including any act which restricts, suppresses or nullifies competition or if the BAC is found to have failed to follow the prescribed bidding procedures. The agency also reserves the right to waive any required formality in the bids received, provided that such waiver does not refer to a major deviation in a bid or any requirement provided in these IRR pertaining to the substance of a bid.

(Sgd.) **DR. TERESITA M. ESPINO**
Chair, BAC

(PDI - Sept. 26 & Oct. 3, 2002)

INVITATION TO PROVIDE HACCP AUDIT OF FOREIGN MEAT AND MILK EXPORTING PLANTS / ESTABLISHMENTS

The Department of Agriculture is inviting qualified organizations that wish to be accredited to undertake HACCP Audit of foreign meat and milk plants/establishments to ensure compliance with international food safety and quality standards.

The organizations to be accredited will undertake HACCP Audit of meat and milk establishments exporting products to the Philippines. To be covered by the Audit are Abattoirs, Poultry Dressing Plants, Meat Processing Plants and Milk Plants.

The minimum requirements for organizations interested in participating are:

1) A juridical person with a veritiable record in the international/cross border verification and inspection/auditing work;
2) Have its own permanent offices/laboratories/facilities in the country where the Exporting Foreign Meat/Milk Plants or EFMPs are located;
3) A member in good standing of the International Federation of Inspection Agencies (IFIA);
4. With a minimum of two (2) years experience in Hazard Analysis Critical Control Point (HACCP) Program-based auditing/inspection/certification of meat and/or milk establishments;
5) Compliance to the International Accreditation Forum's (IAF) "General Requirements for Bodies Operating Assessment and Certification of Supplies/Quality Systems" (ISO/IEC Guide 62);
6) With minimum two (2) years experience in food safety/quality assurance certification of meat and/or milk plants;
7) Should be an operating and a bona fide and duly registered Philippine company or have an affiliate or subsidiary that is also operating and bona fide and registered Philippine company;
8) Should be willing to file a surety bond of P20 million to be issued by the Philippine insurer/ bonding company acceptable to the Secretary of Agriculture to answer for claims arising from malfeasance or non-feasance of the audit.

Organizations interested in being accredited are requested to express their desire to do so and submit an official Letter of Intent (LOI) and Application Form (Organization Profile). The Form is available at the National Meat Inspection Commission, Visayas Avenue, Diliman, Quezon City, Philippines and at the NMIC Web Page http://nmic.da.gov.ph. The LOI and accomplished Application form should be submitted not later than 28 October 2002 to:

DA-HACCP Evaluation and Selection Committee (DAESC)
c/o National Meat Inspection Commission
Visayas Avenue, Diliman, Quezon City
Philippines

For inquiries, please call DR. NORBERTO A. NIVAL at Telephone Nos. (632) 924-3119; 924-7980 (Locals 32 and 33) and Fax No. (632) 924-7973.

(Sgd) CESAR M. DRILON, JR.
Undersecretary
Chairman, DA-HACCP Evaluation and Selection Committee (DAESC)
Department of Agriculture

(PDI--Oct. 3, 2002)

NATIONAL POWER CORPORATION
Diliman, Quezon City

INVITATION TO APPLY FOR ELIGIBILITY & TO BID

AD NO. PD2002-22

Opening Date: October 18, 2002 - 9:00 AM
E-Bidding Date: October 25, 2002 - 9:00 AM

2002-22-01 CONSTRUCTION MATERIALS & HARDWARE (Fascia Board, Lumber, Stainless Steel Sheet, Paint, Tinting Color, Sealent, Door Knob, Gate Valve, Faucet, Tank Fitting Set, Bulb, Fluorescent Fixtures, etc.)

Interested parties are invited to apply for eligibility and to submit sealed bids on the above to be opened publicly at the Sampaguita Rm. Ground Floor Bldg. 2 NPC-OBC, Quezon Avenue cor. Agham Road, Diliman, Quezon City.

Eligibility forms and bidding documents are available on **October 3, 2002** upon payment of P50.00 per schedule which is non-refundable and presentation of **TIN/supplier's number (DCE).**

Issuance of eligibility forms and bidding documents **mornings only, 8:30 to 11:30 A.M.** For inquiries please call no. 921-25-74. Last day of issuance of bidding documents **October 14, 2002.**

The Corporation reserves the right to reject any or all bids without offering any reason, waive any defect therein and accept the offer most advantageous to the Corporation.

MATERIALS MANAGEMENT DEPARTMENT
NPC-OBC (Head Office)
Diliman, Quezon City

(PDI--Oct. 3 & 11, 2002)

REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES
SOCIAL SECURITY COMMISSION
Makati City

DOMINADOR TABAYOYONG, et. al.,
Petitioners,

- versus - SSC Case No. 10717

FEDERAL DETECTIVE
& PROTECTIVE AGENCY,
Respondent.
x-----------------------------------x

ORDER

In today's scheduled hearing petitioner Tabayoyong and representative of petitioner Fernandez appeared. Likewise, Atty. Santillan, counsel for intervenor, appeared. It appears on record that the Notices of Hearing which were sent, through Delbros Messengerial Service for **June 28, 2002** continuation of mandatory preliminary hearing and by registered mail with returned card for **August 13, 2002** schedule, to respondent Security Agency were returned unserved for reason that the addressee could no longer be located at the given address.

Petitioner Tabayoyong, when asked about his counsel, manifested that up to this date, he has not consulted a lawyer yet, despite repeated instructions, to represent him in the proceedings. He also manifested that respondent could not be contacted anymore in his given address and telephone number.

So as to dispose the case expeditiously and avoid protracted delay, mandatory preliminary conference is hereby terminated and parties are required to submit their respective Position Papers furnishing each other a copy thereof within thirty (30) days from receipt of Notice.

Considering that the respondent could no longer be located, Notice of this Order shall be effected by means of publication in a newspaper of general circulation.

SO ORDERED.

August 13, 2002, Urdaneta City for Makati City.

(Sgd.) **ATTY. BLESSELDA M. ACOSTA**
Hearing Officer Designate

(PDI - Oct 3, 2002)

REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES
Department of Budget and Management
Malacañang, Manila

INVITATION TO APPLY FOR ELIGIBILITY AND TO BID

The Bid and Awards Committee of the Department of Budget and Management (BAC-DBM) hereby invites interested bidders to a public bidding for janitorial and security services for FY 2003.

Sealed Application for Eligibility and Sealed Bid Documents shall be opened on October 30, 2002. The approved budget for the contracts are P6,476,760.00 for Janitorial Services and P9,744,000.00 for Security Services.

All bids shall be accompanied by a Bid Security in the form and amount as herein below indicated:

Form of Security	Minimum Amount in % of Approved Budget for the Contract to be Bidded
1. Cash, certified check, cashier's check,manager's check, bank draft or irrevocable letter of credit	One percent (1%)
2. Bank guarantee	One and a half percent (1.5%)
3. Surety bond	Two and a half percent (2.5%)

LATE BIDS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.

	SCHEDULE OF ACTIVITIES
Issuance of Application for Eligibility and Bid Documents	Starting October 3, 2002, from 8.00 am to 4:00 pm BAC Secretariat, GSD, Administrative Service G/F Mabini Hall, Malacañang, Manila
Pre-Bid Conference	October 16, 2002 9:30 a.m. (Janitorial) 1:00 p.m. (Security) AS Conf. Room, G/F Mabini Hall Malacañang, Manila
Deadline for Submission of Sealed Application for Eligibity and Sealed Bid Documents	October 30, 2002 9:30 a.m. (Janitorial) 1:00 p.m. (Security) AS Conf. Room, G/F Mabini Hall Malacañang, Manila

The sealed bids will be opened immediately after deadline in the same place and on the same date

The BAC reserves the right to reject any or all bids and/or part thereof, to waive any defect contained therein and may accept the bid, which is deemed most advantageous to the government.

(Sgd.) CYNTHIA G. CASTEL
Undersecretary and
Chairperson, DBM-BAC

(PDI--Oct. 3, 2002)

CAGAYAN II ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE, INC.
Aparri, Cagayan

INVITATION TO PRE-QUALIFY AND TO BID

A. CAGELCO II is inviting all interested dealers to pre-qualify and to bid for the supply of Transformers with the following specification and rating:

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Rating	Core Loss	Winding Loss	Total	Efficiency (%)
10 KVA	48	180	228	97.72
15 KVA	61	215	276	98.16
25 KVA	87	295	382	98.47

B. Application for prequalification must be submitted to the PBAC Chairman, Mrs. BLANDINA Y. MADAMBA or may be faxed to our telefax no. (078) 822-8900 together with the following requirements: a) BIR-VAT Cetificate b) Business Permit c) Business Registration d) Latest ITR e) Company Profile f) List of Clients for a period of 3 years, if applicable.

C. Deadline for submission - October 10, 2002

D. CAGELCO II reserves the right to reject any/or all bid, waive any defect or informality therein, or accept any bid/s or offer/s which it may consider to be advantageous and beneficial to the cooperative.

E. Pre-conference and Bidding schedules shall be announced to all pre-qualified bidders

F. Additional information may be furnished upon request.

(Sgd.) GABRIEL A. TORDESILLAS
General Manager

(PDI -- Sept. 26 & Oct. 3, 2002)

UP MBA alumni inducts new officers

THE UP MBA Alumni Society Inc. will hold its induction ceremonies of the new set of officers and directors for 2002-2004 today, Oct. 3, 6 p.m. at the Patio of the Commissioned Officers Club of Camp E. Aguinaldo, Camp Aguinaldo, Quezon City. Guest speaker will be UP president Dr. Francisco Nemenzo, regent Eduardo F. Fernandez, UPAA president, will be the inducting officer. All MBA alumni are enjoined to attend. Call Zeny Morada at 928-9572 at the alumni office, or e-mail webmaster@upmba.com.

1st Philippine Robotics Olympiad

THE PHILIPPINE Robotics Olympiad (PRO), a science, technology and educational event which aims to offer an opportunity for students to expand their horizons through exploration of robots and the robotic systems in schools, announces its final judging on Oct. 4, 10 a.m. at the Riverbanks Mall, Marikina City. Grand Finalists from the elementary level are First Asia Institute of Technology and Humanities and Grace Christian High School. In the high school level are teams from Manila Science High School, De La Salle Santiago Zobel, First Asia Institute of Technology and Humanities, Grace Christian High School, and Philippine Science High School. In the open category, Manila Science High School, Philippine Science High School, UP Integrated School, and the First Asia Institute of Technology and Humanities teams will compete. Grand awardees will represent the Philippines in the International Robotics Olympiad (IRO) in Beijing, China Nov. 1 to 3. The PRO is made possible by Felta Multi-Media Inc. McKester's, SM Foundation, Meralco, Magnolia Juices and Riverbanks Development Center as host venue, with the Philippine Foundation for Science and Technology (PFST) as implementing agency. For more details, call Sionie Hayrosa at 536-3092 or 525-8752.

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our moving spirit and our loving friend, Connie.
Her thoughtfulness, selflessness, generosity of spirit and
her joyful energy will always live in our hearts and minds.

Holy Masses will be offered today
at the following churches:

Sto. Cristo Parish, Bo. Bungad, Quezon City	6:00 a.m.
Christ the King, Project 7, Quezon City	7:15 a.m.
Sta. Perpetua Parish, D. Tuazon Street, Quezon City	6:00 a.m.
Holy Family Parish, San Andres, Manila	7:00 a.m.
Sto. Domingo Church	5:00 a.m. & 7:15 a.m.

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Masses will be offered at the following churches
on Friday, October 4, 2002:

1.	**Cathedral Parish of St. Joseph** Balanga, Bataan	5:30 a.m.
2.	**Our Lady of the Holy Rosary Parish Church** Orani, Bataan	5:30 a.m.
3.	**St. Joseph the Worker's Parish Church** Floridablanca, Pampanga	6:00 a.m.
4.	**St. Peter the Apostle Parish Church** Apalit, Pampanga	6:00 a.m.
5.	**Sanctuario de San Jose** Greenhills East, Mandaluyong City	6:15 a.m.
6.	**St. Paul Parish** Matina, Davao City	6:00 a.m.
7.	**St. Jude Shrine Parish** Gen. Malvar Street, Davao City	5:30 p.m.
8.	**Our Lady of the Pillar Parish** Imus, Cavite (September 26 - October 4, 2002)	6:30 a.m.
9.	**Mansons Corporation Chapel** Floridablanca, Pampanga	10:30 a.m.
10.	**Christ the King Parish** Greenmeadows, Quezon City	6:00 p.m.
11.	**St. Jerome Emiliani & St. Susana Parish** Ayala Alabang	12:15 nn

MEMBERS OF THE FAMILY REQUEST
FRIENDS AND PIOUS READERS
TO PRAY FOR HIS ETERNAL REST.

CHNG LACK DEE
(DEE CHIAO SU)

Passed away on October 1, 2002
at the age of 82.

His bereaved wife **Flordeliza**; children **Wilson, Wilmer, Wilfred, Robert, Leticia-Perla**; daughters-in-law **Judith, Lani** and **Ronalyn**; grandchildren **Janine, Wilson Jr., Kimberly Anne, Lia Katrina, Robert Vince, Rona Rafaela** and **Robert Lance**.

His body lies in state at his residence, #8 Binacao Street, Brgy. Quirino, District 4, Solano, Nueva Vizcaya.

Interment will be on Sunday, October 6, 2002 at the Solano Public Cemetery at 8:00 A.M.

"...absent with the body to be present with the Lord."
Matthew 10:39

MANUEL "NOLI" DE LA FUENTE TINIO

of Nueva Ecija and Cerritos, CA.

07 April 1935 - 28 September 2002

His bereaved wife **Lina Perez**; children **Leihlyn**, **Rangie** and **Grace**; sister **Laureana Tinio-Lucero**; grandchildren and other relatives request prayers for his eternal rest.

His remains lie in state at Forest Lawn, Cypress, CA.

Mass will be celebrated on October 3, 2002 at 6:00 p.m., Sanctuario de San Antonio, Forbes Park, Makati City.

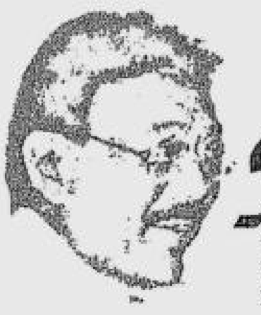
Burial will be at Forest Lawn, Cypress, CA on October 5, 2002.

Whoever finds his life will lose it, and whoever loses his life for my sake will find it. Matthew 10:39

IN HONOR OF THE MEMORY AND LEGACY OF—

Jesus Ernesto R. Sibal

July 3, 1943–October 3, 2000



His family, friends, associates, and the management and staff of SIBS Publishing House offer the following Eucharistic celebrations in commemoration of his second death anniversary:

SIBS PUBLISHING HOUSE, INC.

1.	**Basilica del Sto. Niño** Cebu City	5:30 A.M.
2.	**Our Lady of Lourdes Parish** V & G Subdivision, Tacloban City	5:30 A.M.
3.	**San Narciso Parish** Consolacion, Cebu	5:30 A.M.
4.	**St. Joseph Parish** Mandaue City	5:30 A.M.
5.	**Sto. Niño Parish Church** Tacloban City	5:30 A.M.
6.	**Virgen de la Regla Parish** Lapu-Lapu City, Cebu	5:30 A.M.
7.	**Sto. Rosario Parish** Cebu City	5:45 A.M.
8.	**Immaculate Conception Church** Lantana St., Cubao, Quezon City	6:00 A.M.
9.	**Metropolitan Cathedral of Immaculate Conception** Zamboanga City	6:00 A.M.
10.	**Pasig Catholic Church** Malinao St., Pasig City	6:00 A.M.
11.	**Redemptorist Church** Cebu City	6:00 A.M..
12.	**Redemptorist Church** North Drive, Bacolod City	6:00 A.M.
13.	**Sacred Heart Church** Scout Ybardolaza, Kamuning Quezon City	6:00 A.M.
14.	**San Isidro Catholic Church** Taft Avenue, Pasay City	6:00 A.M.
15.	**San Roque Parish** Yati, Liloan, Cebu	6:00 A.M.
16.	**San Sebastian Church** C. M. Recto Avenue, Manila	6:00 A.M.
17.	**Our Lady of EDSA Shrine** EDSA cor. Ortigas Avenue, Quezon City	6:30 A.M.
18.	**Our Lady of Fatima Parish** Basak, Mandaue	6:30 A.M.
19.	**Paco Catholic Church** Paz St., Paco, Manila	6:30 A.M.
20.	**Espiritu Santo Parochial Church** Rizal Avenue, Sta. Cruz, Manila	7:00 A.M.
21.	**Sto. Domingo Church** Quezon Avenue, Quezon City	7:00 A.M.
22.	**Our Lady of Lourdes Church** Kanlaon St., Sta. Mesa Heights, Quezon City	7:30 A.M.
23.	**Blessed Sacrament Church** Sta. Cruz, Manila	8:00 A.M.
24.	**SIBS Publishing House, Inc.** 5th Floor, N. B. Santos Building 937 Quezon Avenue, Quezon City	11:00 A.M.
25.	**St. Augustine Cathedral** Cagayan de Oro City	12:00 NOON
26.	**San Jose Parish Church** Ipil, Zamboanga del Sur	5:15 P.M.
27.	**Our Lady of Lourdes Parish** Punta Princesa, Labangon, Cebu City	6:00 P.M.

In his lifetime, Jesus Ernesto R. Sibal sought to raise the quality of education by producing quality textbooks. He was an ardent advocate of textbook Filipinization and the privatization of the textbook publishing industry. Today, his legacy of dedication and commitment shines forth as a touchstone of excellence for the men and women of SIBS Publishing House, Inc.

Everyone is enjoined to pray for the eternal peace of his soul.

"Come blessed of the Father, says the Lord Jesus, and take possession of the kingdom prepared for you." Matthew 23:24

EDUARDO M. LIMCANGCO

Former President of GE Lighting Philippines, Inc.

Peacefully passed away in God's embrace
on October 1, 2002.

His bereaved wife **Lita**; sons **Joel** and **Johan**; daughters-in-law **Joy** and **Ina**; grandchildren **Jessie** and **Julia**; brothers and sisters, relatives and friends request the readers to pray for the eternal repose of his soul.

His cremated remains lie at the Baltazar Chapel, La Funeraria Paz-Sucat (inside Manila Memorial Park), Sucat, Parañaque City until Saturday, 12 noon, October 5, 2002.

Message of Appreciation

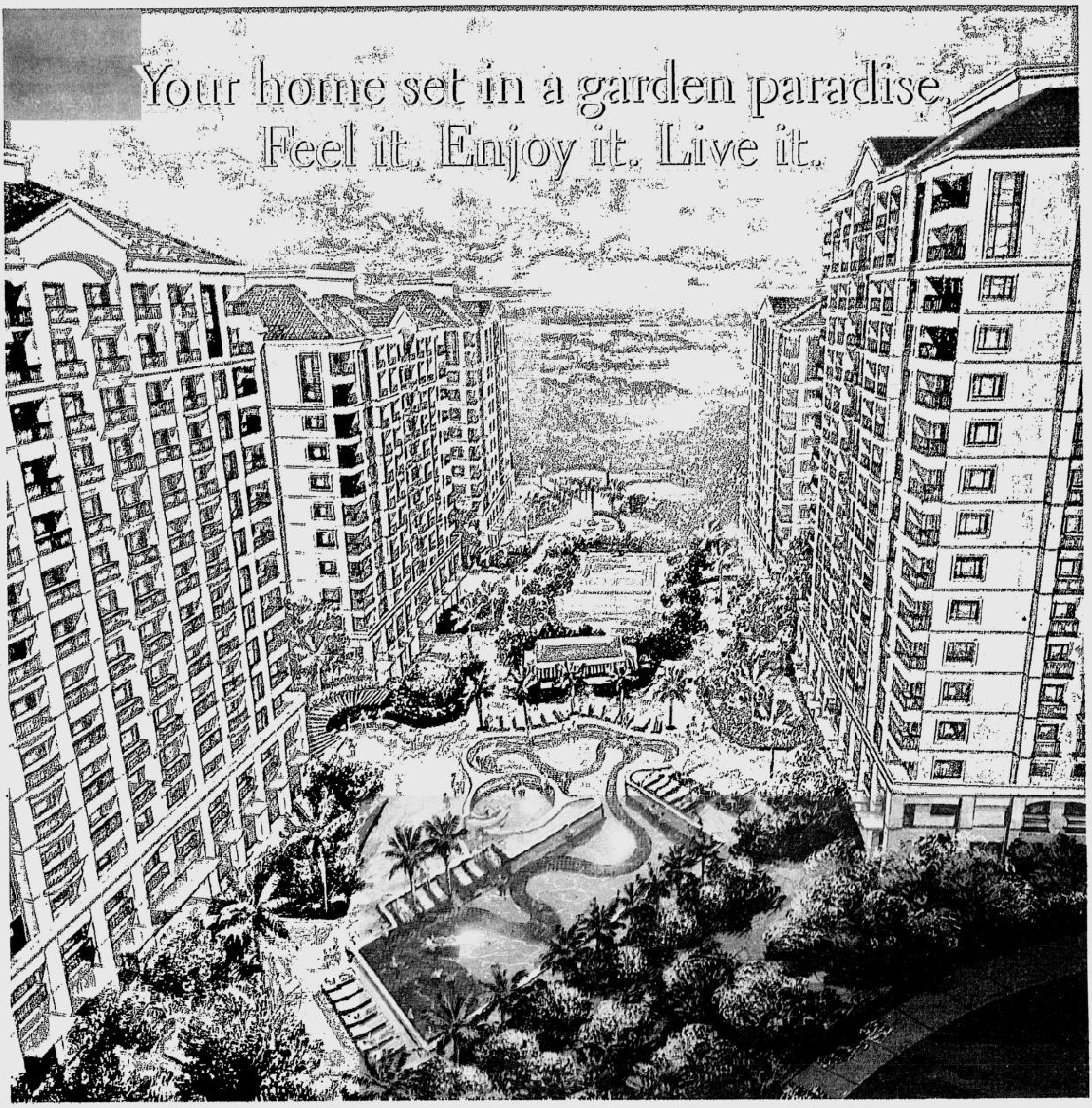
The family of

CIRIACO NIDEA DIVINAGRACIA PhD

Ateneo de Naga High School Class '52
UP College of Agriculture Class '56
UP Los Baños Beta Sigma '53
CSSAC President 1984 - 1997

who joined his Creator on September 12, 2002

Sincerely convey our deepest gratitude to all those who offered prayers, sent flowers, visited and kept vigil, attended the funeral rites and condoled with them in their moment of grief.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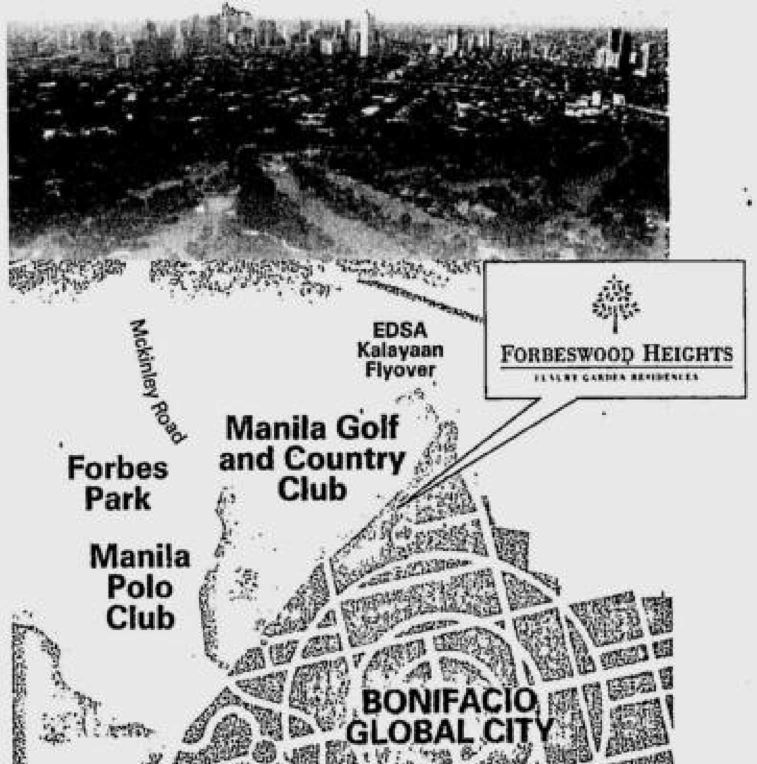
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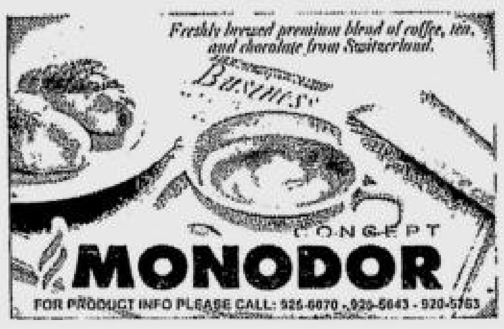
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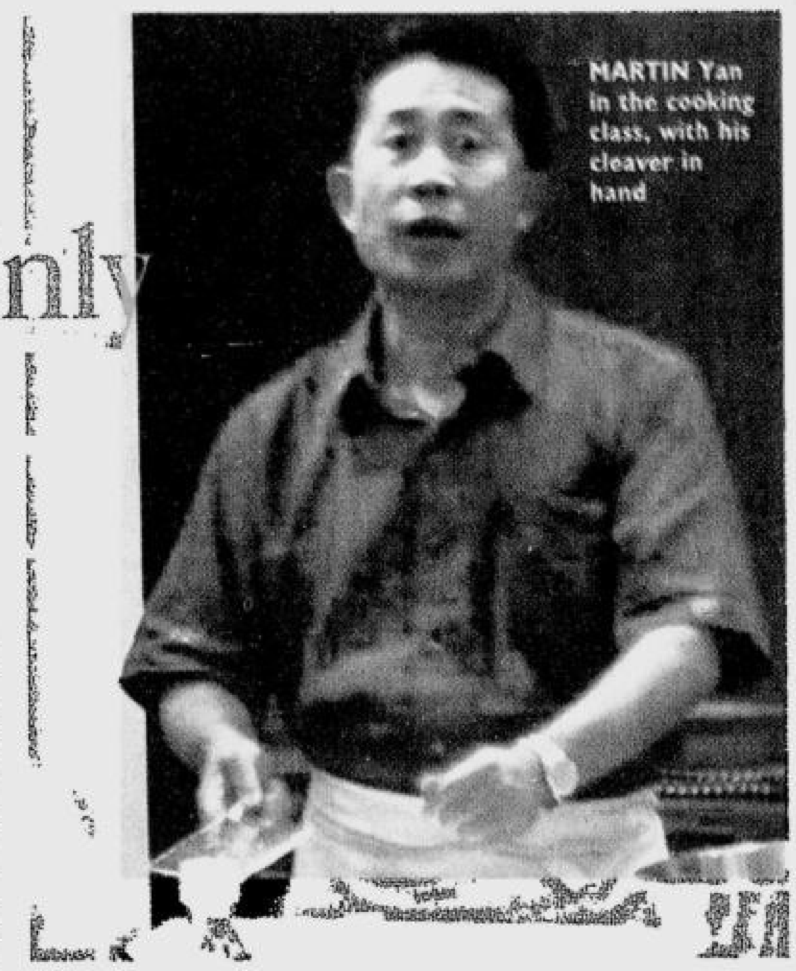
By Mina and Erwin Elechicon
Contributors


MARTIN Yan in the cooking class, with his cleaver in hand

THE EXPERIENCE of food begins with the cook. The chef's competence and creativity often make the difference between a meal forgotten even before the dishes are dry, and one that is fondly recalled and savored time after time. The best chefs can make a meal transformational—from mere physical experience into one that also affects minds and spirits. They infuse their skills with inventiveness and imagination borne of their own personal experiences and background. It can be quite a delight—and a real learning experience—to observe a great chef at work, whether the *lola* presiding over the bubbling *kaldero* of *sinigang* or the professional chef orchestrating a Valrhona chocolate soufflé in a five-star kitchen. Martin Yan—the celebrated Chinese master chef, host and food consultant—is one such fascinating person.

He walked into the room quietly, 15 minutes before the class was to start. He smiled tentatively, gauging the reception he would be getting that afternoon. He went around, greeting the few early-comers, cracking his trademark jokes ("If you can't cook the way I can, then you shouldn't be here!" "My mother is a human food processor"), and made all feel welcomed in the kitchen classroom.

This was one of Academy at-sunrice's Celebrity Demonstration and Hands-on Cooking classes, held at the Fort Canning Centre in Singapore. Established in 2001, at-sunrice is a culinary center dedicated to promoting Pan-Asian cuisine, culinary skills and craft ware. It's also known as the Singapore Cooking School and Spice Garden. The world's most widely known Asian chef, Yan, was their celebrity chef that afternoon.

Tour

Yan had flown out of the US (he lives in Foster City, California), and Singapore was the second stop of his "Taste of Asia Tour." He and his group had been to Taipei earlier, and would be proceeding to Hong Kong and Macau. Spaces on his tour were quite limited, and fully booked as early as June. Cost of this "adventure of a lifetime" was $3,888 per person, double occupancy from SFO/LAX, in-

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ONE DAY SPECIALS (first come, first served basis)

Rice Meals: Oct. 5 (Sat) 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. Mixed Seafoods Biryani with Chutney, Spicy Potato Dips; Thai Bagoong Rice with Egg, Thai Green Mango Salad; Nasi Goreng, Sate, Homemade Crispy Kropek; Nasi Ayam with Malaysian-style Roasted Chicken by Master Chef Sita Ram. P1,000
Cookies & Bars: Oct.5 (Sat) 1:30 - 5 p.m. Food for the Gods, No-Bake Brownie, No Roll Sugar Cookies, Festive Refrigerator Cookies, Lemon Bars, Crinkles including costing and packaging. P600
Catering: Oct. 12 (Sat) 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. Portion Control, Costing, Inventory, Table Layout & Equipment Sourcing with actual preparation of popular catering dishes: Morcon, Galantina, Pork Asado, Soy Chicken, Roast Pork, Baked Macaroni, All Meat Paella and special dessert. P1,500
Baking with Institutional Mixes: Oct. 12 (Sat) 2 - 5 p.m. Assorted Brownies (Black Forest, Apple Chunk, Rocky Road), Pineapple Carrot Cake, Choco-Banana Loaf, Chocolate Muffins with Fudge Frosting, Hotdog on Stick, Butterscotch Squares and Chocolate Crinkles. Bonus: Rhumballs. P500
Japanese Cooking: Oct. 19 (Sat) 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. Miso Soup, Mixed Tempura, Sukiyaki, Kamameshi, assorted Sushi: Kappamaki, Tekamaki, California Maki and Nigiri. P800
Bakery & Bakeshop: Oct. 19 (Sat) 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. Commercial methods used in preparing breads, pies and .cakes including costing, production batching with actual hands-on. P1,500
Barbeque & Grills: Oct. 26 (Sat) 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. Different marinating and grilling techniques with lamb, chicken, pork, beef and seafood using special concocted sauces. Recipes: Tandoori Chicken with Mint and Yogurt Sauce, Tandoori Prawns, Grilled Squid with Cilantro Sauce, Honey Roasted Porkchop, Barbeque Pork Spareribs; Barbeque Beef Steak by Master Chef Sita Ram. P800
Candied Fruits & Pickles (with workshop): Oct. 29 & 30 (T & W) 1:30 - 5 p.m. Assorted glazed fruits for fruitcakes (calamansi, lemon, orange, pineapple, kamias and condol); Pickles: atchara, chutneys. Bonus: candied ginger and tomatoes. P1,000

CERTIFICATE COURSES FOR ADULTS (Pre-registration required)

Cake Decorating (Basic): Oct. 5 & 12 (Sat) 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. Lecture-workshop on fundamentals of cake decorating; coloring, designing, template, icing (boiled, butter, caramel, chocolate, sugar icing); basic borders, jelly lettering, basic flower making and bunching and motif. Free decorating tips. P2,000
Cooking I (Basic): For Messmen, Stewards and Beginners: Oct. 8 - 11 or 22 - 25 (T - F) 1:30 - 5:00 p.m. Basic food preparation, cooking methods for vegetables, pasta, meats and poultry dishes; Techniques of de-boning chicken and fish; Basic garnishing; Table setting and napkin folding; Actual preparation of popular Filipino and Oriental dishes. P2,200
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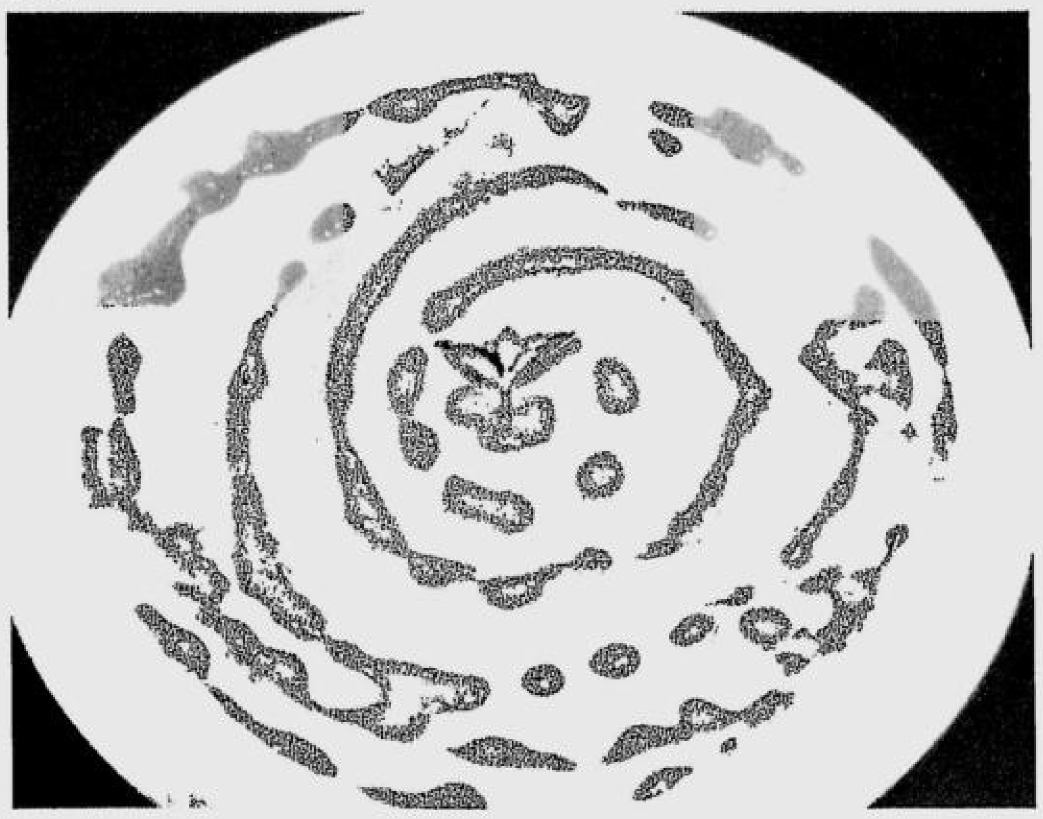

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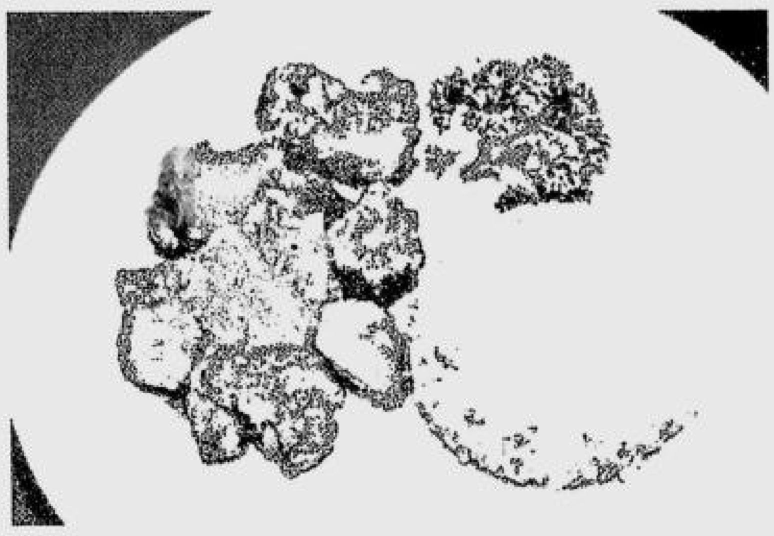

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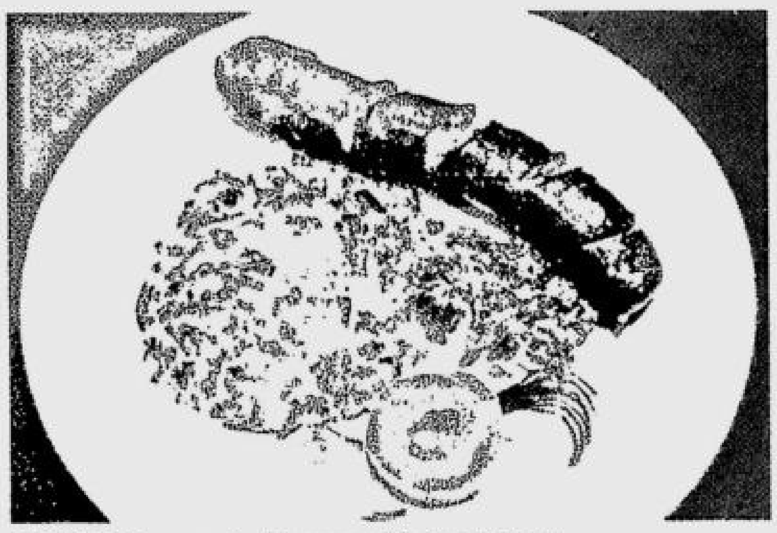
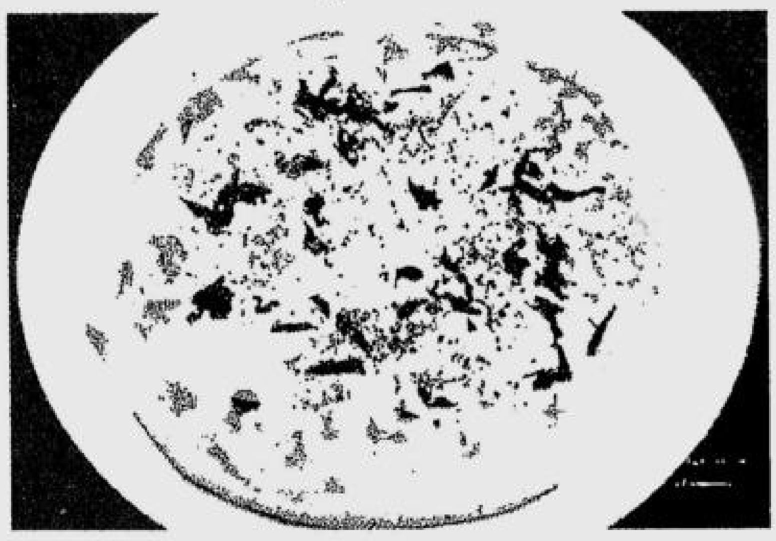


GRILLED Homemade Sausage with Hash Brown



PETRA'S Special Pizza

HEALTHY eating may be an elevator ride away. Petra's recently opened in the heart of Makati's central business district, making it the first café and diner of its kind to offer yuppies the pleasures and health-giving benefits of organic dining.

Organic food advocate Jacqueline Haessig-Alleje doesn't mind sharing the space with the likes of Jollibee and other fast-food staples at the Food Odyssey, LKG Tower's newly opened food court on the building's 11th floor. As it is, she's more than happy to provide diners with a healthier alternative for lunch, afternoon snack and dinner.

"People didn't appreciate our dishes at first," she says. "I guess they found their taste weird, but not anymore."

Haessig-Alleje is also responsible for the short-lived Grapevine Organic Café on Yakal Street in Makati. While the defunct café attracted its fair share of loyal customers, most diners found its location too remote. Moving to the mall and catering to mainstream customers was out of the question. The idea of opening a specialty café like Petra's (tel. 843-4683) in a food court that's accessible to a specific clientele appealed to Alleje.

"I want to reach out to more people and introduce them to the benefits of eating organic," says Haessig-Alleje, a Swiss national who came to the Philippines in 1988 to help her father manage Vieux Chalet in Antipolo. "I find it more challenging to cater to a specific group than to the general public. After all, we're more than a café. We're an organic food service."

Full range

Reaching out means offering a full range of meals that goes beyond soup and salad. A family-size "healthy" pizza, for instance, can set customers back by P149. Petra's special, with generous shavings of mozzarella and *kesong puti*, costs a few pesos more. The Pinoy's delight is flavored with lots of garlic and real anchovy, while piccantina comes with sausage toppings. But no matter what variant they order, diners are assured of eating pizza made of the finest organic ingredients—from the cheese, to the basil, down to the tomatoes.

Consider first the benefits of eating organic. Since they're virtually free from chemical fertilizers and synthetic pesticides, organically grown vegetables are safe for human consumption and offer maximum nutritional benefits. Organic or free-range chickens and livestock are raised in their natural habitats, free from "unnatural" feeds such as fishmeal and sheep innards, growth hormones and antibiotics.

Eating organic, however, goes beyond that. "It means producing something without destroying something else," says Haessig-Alleje. "In this case, the environment. Chemicals and pesticides we normally use in our food find their way in the environment."

The impression that organic foods are tasteless and more expensive still exists. "No way can we compete with the likes of Jollibee or McDonald's in terms of pricing, but our dishes are tasty and quite affordable," says Haessig-Alleje.

Snack offerings

Petra's weekly menu offers customers a wide selection of items without wiping out their meager budgets. The meal of the day, which ranges from P80 to P90, comes with either soup or salad and organic rice. Since the main course changes from day to day, even regulars won't know what to expect in the weeks and months to come. The main courses several weeks ago, for instance, ranged from breaded pork chop, mixed barbecue skewers, to beef stir-fry.

Of course, a café won't be complete without its *merienda* offerings. Tuna sandwich with homemade mayo, *kesong puti* and spiced tofu fingers—all under P50—are among the items listed under Petra's "*pantawid gutom*."

Although the salads are light and refreshing, vegetarians need not confine themselves to these healthy starters. The pasta dishes of the day also come with a veggie variant. Both mango passion and tomato mozzarella salads, by the way, are topped with generous servings of organic cheeses.

Haessig-Alleje is able to offer such dairy ingredients at affordable prices since she gets them directly from the family-owned Rizal Dairy Farms. As an active member of the Organic Producers Trade Association of the Philippines, she is also assured of getting a steady supply of fresh vegetables for her kitchen.

The menu offers some of the best-selling items from both East and West. Crêpes, burger steaks and European sausages vie for diners' attention with grilled or fried boneless *bangus* or milkfish marinated in a concoction of vinegar and spices. The milkfish comes fresh from Dagupan and is prepared by Anne Castro, Haessig-Alleje's partner in a catering business called Swiss-Pinoy Kitchen.

"We're in some ways purists," says Castro. "If you're true to what you do, you have to practice or promote it."

Rather than organize parties revolving around Disney-inspired themes, Swiss-Pinoy Kitchen (tel. 843-4683) tries to promote environmental awareness. Several Sundays ago, for instance, Haessig-Alleje and Castro found themselves organizing a "butterfly" birthday party. Aside from serving organic foods, such parties try to inspire kids to appreciate and care for the environment through games and programs.

Still the best way to an adult's heart isn't through games, but through his stomach. "Today's young urban professionals are going to be the mothers and fathers of tomorrow. It's important to reach out to these future decision makers through good food to ensure the health and future of this country."

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Yan can certainly cook!

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cluding round-trip airfare, 10 nights hotel accommodation, full meals, sightseeing tours. Clearly, a program for dedicated (and well-heeled) fans of Asia, Asian cuisine and Yan.

Fortunately, for 18 "amateur gourmet cooks" residing in Singapore (mostly expats and a few locals), the celebrity cooking class with Yan that afternoon cost a more affordable $55. Yan conducts only 10 hands-on cooking demonstrations in a year—and this was one of them. He started by explaining the importance of the knife (in this case, his favorite cleaver) and how to select a good one. He amazed everyone with his prowess at cutting vegetables finely and evenly (and very quickly), without even glancing at the knife and all the while keeping the conversation flowing nonstop. It was just like his TV shows ("Wok with Yan," "Yan Can Cook")—that big cleaver was all over the chopping block, slicing, dicing, mincing, crushing, tenderizing as fast as the blink of an eye! He used the blade as a multipurpose kitchen tool as well—a scraper, spatula, turner and paperweight in one. (Naturally, his signature cleaver was for sale at a very special price.)

For the next hour, he went on to demonstrate three of his favorite Asian dishes: Salt Baked Chicken, Steamed Sea Bass with Lemongrass and Ma Bo Tofu with Chicken. His in-depth knowledge of cuisines and culture was impressive. His dishes were not complicated, but a lot of preparation was needed before the actual cooking took place. Choice bits of wisdom peppered his presentation: "Food preparation is like lovemaking: you go slow and build up. To be successful, you must know foreplay." One must have all the right ingredients, as well as a sense of adventure, to bring out the right flavors. "Food must be fresh. You must know when it is grown and harvested. Make your dishes simple. Use whatever ingredients you have. Be creative and you'll be able to create a feast!"

All throughout, there were stories of his life that significantly influenced him. How he left Guangzhou as a boy of 13 (to escape the Cultural Revolution in China), and worked for an uncle who owned a restaurant in Hong Kong. How he lived and breathed cooking through those difficult years. How he studied at the University of California in Davis (Master's degree in Food Science), and supported himself by giving cooking lessons. How, 11 years later, he was able to return to China, and reunite with his mother and family. How he moved to Calgary in Alberta, Canada, to help his brother run a restaurant, where he was "discovered" during a cooking class and began his TV career.

Fun class

The class was grouped into teams of three, with each group cooking the same dishes Yan had just demonstrated. Just trying to replicate his antics made this cooking class so much fun—gently massaging a chicken under its skin while seasoning it with Chinese five-spice powder and salt; dexterously wielding the cleaver without cutting off a finger; or deftly tossing the wok to stir the vegetables. Martin Yan was a natural entertainer. His puns and repartées came easily and spontaneously, and all were meant to make a point. About ingredients, about technique, about the nuances of Chinese regional cuisines and even about life.

In the hour or so, Yan was able to share his passion for creating a great dish from simple ingredients, and having fun at the same time. The class flattened and chopped lemongrass, removed stems from kaffir lime leaves, chiffonaded, smelled, touched and tasted hot bean paste and Sichuan pickles with enthusiasm, laughing heartily, and generally tried to make its dishes as flavorful as his.

Martin went around the room, looked into the state of preparation and seasoning, encouraged the less-imaginative, and hurried everyone to finish on time (the dinner hour was fast-approaching!). Finally, the fish was in the steamer and the chicken in the oven, and the messed-up kitchen restored to a semblance of neatness and order.

Everyone was presented with a copy of the master chef's new book (his 26th), "Martin Yan's Asian Favorites from Hong Kong, Taiwan and Thailand," with personalized dedications for each person. His personality and humor were much in evidence as he autographed the books: "To Joy who made me cry tears of joy" (he hadn't washed the remnants of chopped red chilies entirely from his hands, and they got into his eyes); "To Adam of Georgia who has never seen a water chestnut…"; "To Aylee, the gorgeous belly dancer…"

Then it was time for dinner and sampling the culinary attempts of the class. A long table was laid al fresco on the balcony of the Academy. In between sips of cold lemongrass tea, Chef Martin posed for souvenir photographs and continued to regale all with his stories. He's been to the Philippines to explore the influence of Spanish culture on cuisine, climbed a coconut tree and, of course, cooked—*tinola*, *adobo*, *lumpia* and *pancit*.

He had just opened five new restaurants in Northern California called Yan Can, and brought out his album of photos and recent write-ups. He's aiming to have 50 restaurants in Asia and the US by yearend, and in five years—250! Quite an ambitious plan—everyone wondered at his boundless energy (and more) for cooking, traveling, hosting TV shows, creating a line of seasoning, developing kitchen implements, releasing new cookbooks, and still opening and operating a growing restaurant chain. His secret—"I'm 200 years old and still going strong. I can cook, can you?"

TEAMMATES JoyAuste, Mina and Richard at work, showing off the Ma bo tofu, which had just come off the pan. Richard wanted to taste it immediately, so he had his spoon ready.

Visit www.yancancook.com to learn more about Martin Yan, his favorite recipes, tools and library of books

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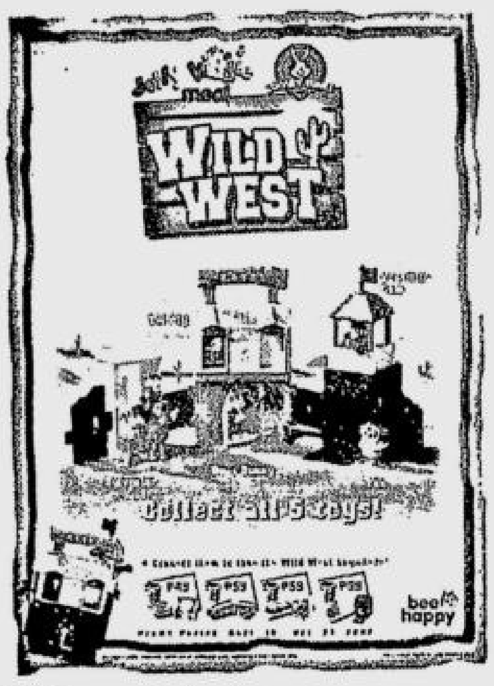

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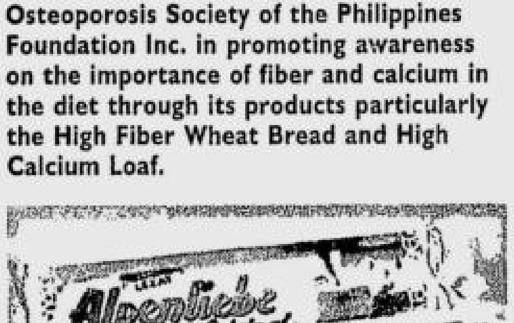

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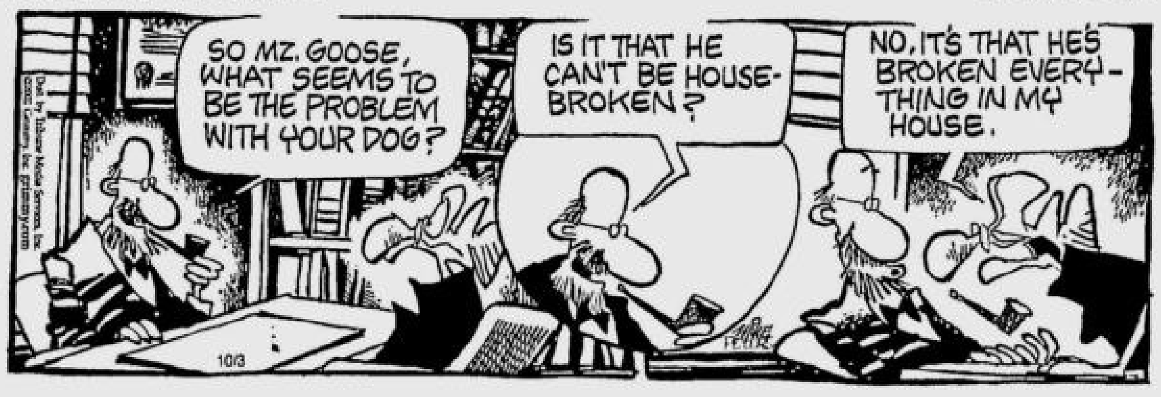
SO MZ. GOOSE, WHAT SEEMS TO BE THE PROBLEM WITH YOUR DOG?
IS IT THAT HE CAN'T BE HOUSE-BROKEN?
NO, IT'S THAT HE'S BROKEN EVERYTHING IN MY HOUSE.
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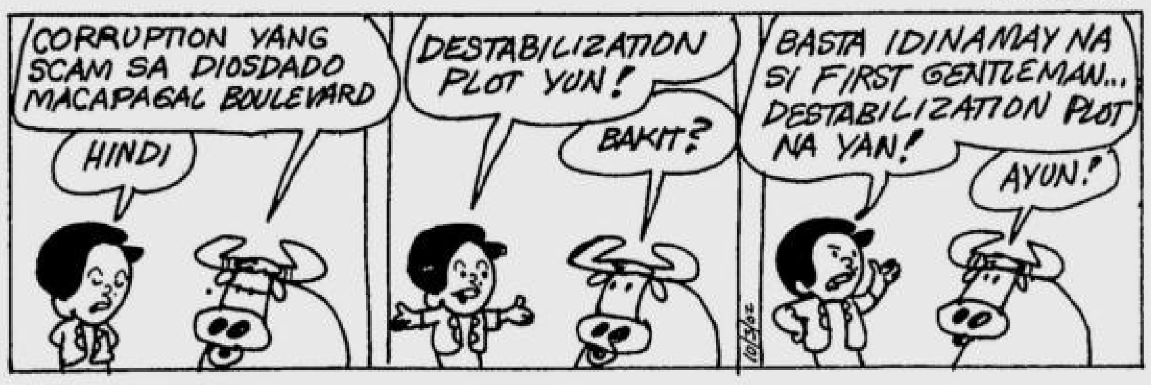
A. LIPIN BY JESS ABRERA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DESTABILIZATION PLOT YUN!
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BASTA IDINAMAY NA SI FIRST GENTLEMAN... DESTABILIZATION PLOT NA YAN!
AYUN!
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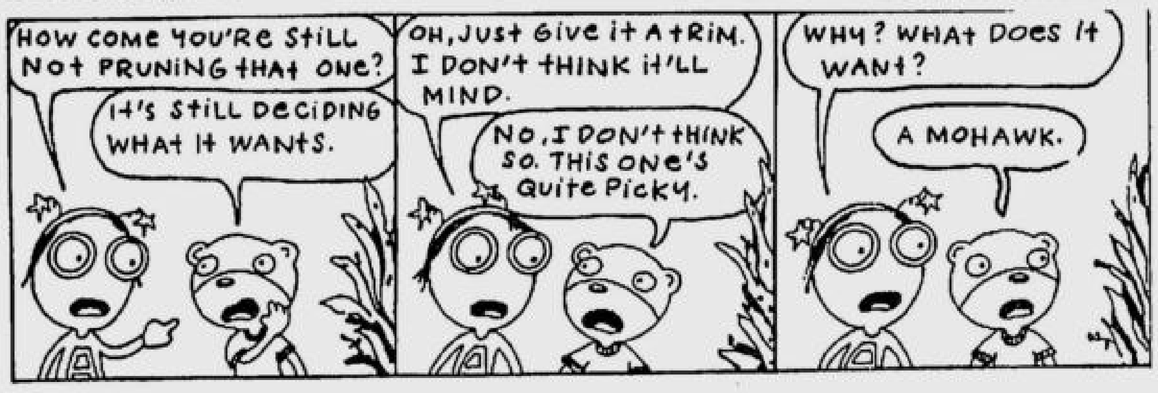
HOW COME YOU'RE STILL NOT PRUNING THAT ONE?
IT'S STILL DECIDING WHAT IT WANTS.
OH, JUST GIVE IT A TRIM. I DON'T THINK IT'LL MIND.
NO, I DON'T THINK SO. THIS ONE'S QUITE PICKY.
WHY? WHAT DOES IT WANT?
A MOHAWK.

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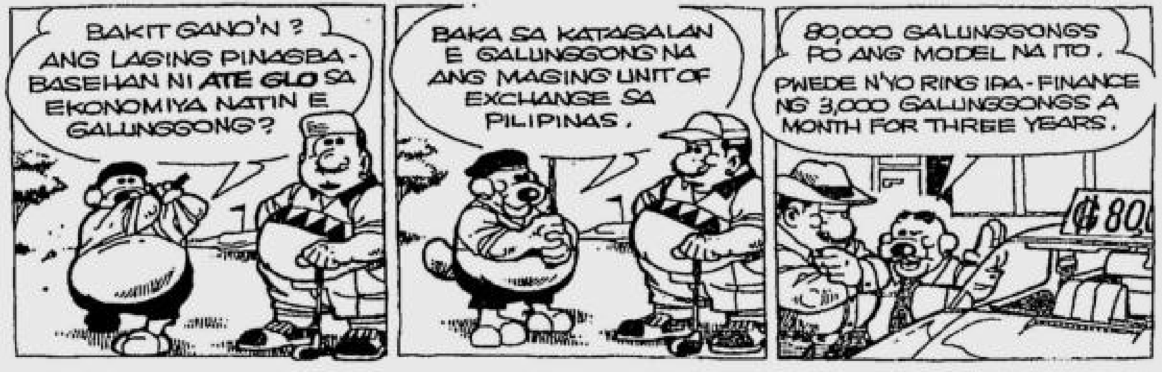
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BAKA SA KATAGALAN E GALUNGGONG NA ANG MAGING UNIT OF EXCHANGE SA PILIPINAS.
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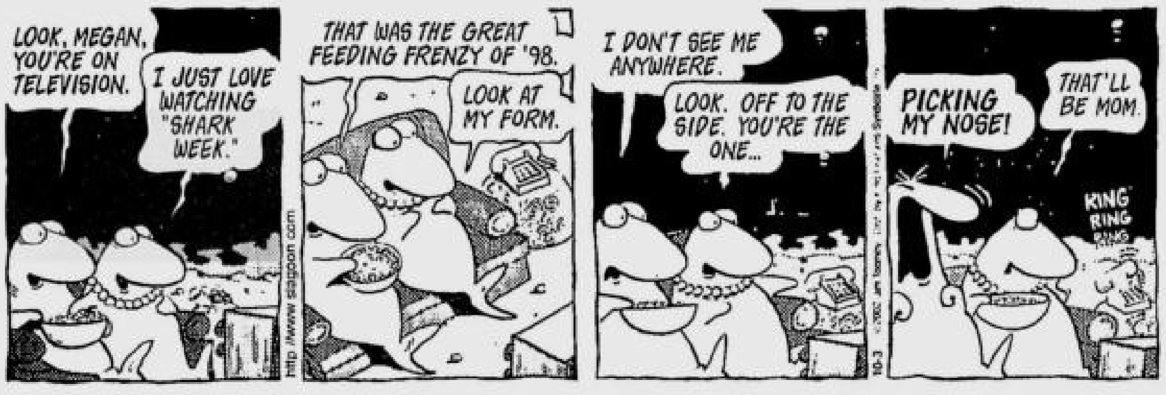
LOOK, MEGAN, YOU'RE ON TELEVISION.
I JUST LOVE WATCHING "SHARK WEEK."
THAT WAS THE GREAT FEEDING FRENZY OF '98.
LOOK AT MY FORM.
I DON'T SEE ME ANYWHERE.
LOOK. OFF TO THE SIDE. YOU'RE THE ONE...
PICKING MY NOSE!
THAT'LL BE MOM.
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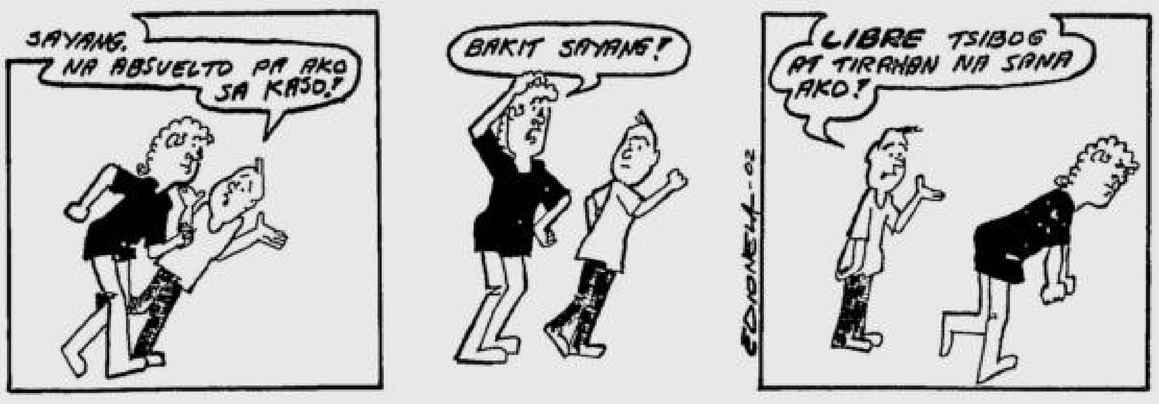
SIMO BY EDGAR DIONELA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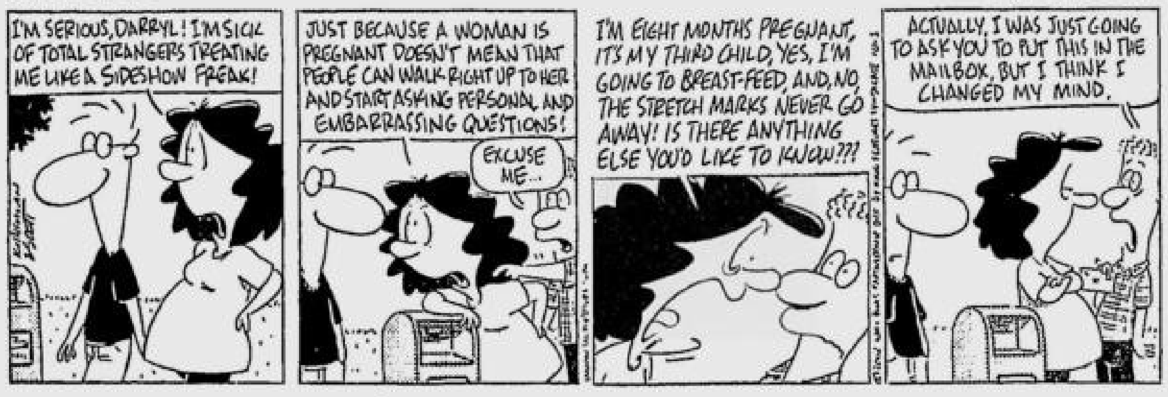
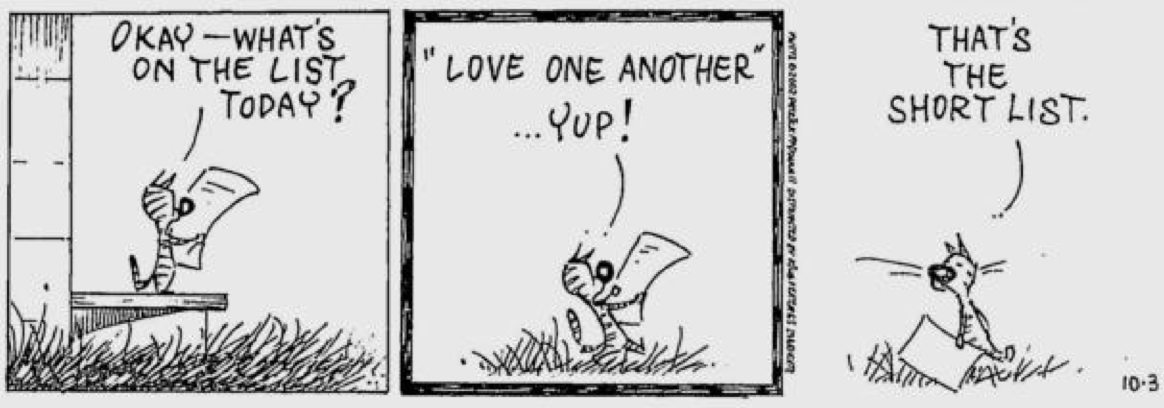

I'M SERIOUS, DARRYL! I'M SICK OF TOTAL STRANGERS TREATING ME LIKE A SIDESHOW FREAK!
JUST BECAUSE A WOMAN IS PREGNANT DOESN'T MEAN THAT PEOPLE CAN WALK RIGHT UP TO HER AND START ASKING PERSONAL AND EMBARRASSING QUESTIONS!
EXCUSE ME...
I'M EIGHT MONTHS PREGNANT, IT'S MY THIRD CHILD, YES, I'M GOING TO BREAST-FEED, AND, NO, THE STRETCH MARKS NEVER GO AWAY! IS THERE ANYTHING ELSE YOU'D LIKE TO KNOW???
ACTUALLY, I WAS JUST GOING TO ASK YOU TO PUT THIS IN THE MAILBOX, BUT I THINK I CHANGED MY MIND.

MUTTS BY PATRICK McDONNELL


OKAY—WHAT'S ON THE LIST TODAY?
"LOVE ONE ANOTHER" ...YUP!
THAT'S THE SHORT LIST.
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BY EUGENIA LAST

CELEBRITIES BORN ON THIS DAY: Gore Vidal, Chubby Checker, Stevie Ray Vaughan, Neve Campbell

Happy Birthday: Express yourself creatively and take advantage of what's being offered. You must muster up enough confidence in yourself and your abilities so that you can move forward with ease. Many changes will be taking place around you this year, making it very important to be adaptable. Be progressive . Your numbers are 2, 15, 29, 30, 36, 41

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Projects will take your mind off your worries. Some of those you live with may be moody and not willing to compromise. Steer clear of confrontations.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): You will have difficulties with those you love because of your obstinate nature. It's time to work on your self-confidence and on enhancing your appearance.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Go out of the town and meet new people. In conversations you will find yourself talking a lot and saying very little. You may find this extremely tiring. Concentrate on being precise.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): If you want your lover to be content, don't let your negativity get the better of you. Lowered vitality will result in a moody outlook. Immerse yourself in projects that keep you out of trouble.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Things will become explosive on the domestic front. Expect fireworks. Please your mate and you may hold your relationship together.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Secret romantic involvements will end as quickly as they begin. Try to be honest with yourself. Don't make waves at work. Stay focused.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Don't burn bridges. Keep your options open. Participation in environmental organizations will bring you into contact with people who will be able to help you in the future.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Make sure safeguards are in place. You are likely to injure yourself through recklessness. Avoid disputes with those people who misrepresent situations.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Agreements may be confusing. Have someone you trust look at the fine points. Make sure you have clarity before signing anything. Don't be reckless in love or business.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): You cannot trust your feelings. Emotional deception is evident. This is probably not the best time to make any decisions about the relationship you're in right now..

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Be careful of your lover's feelings today. Troubles on the home front are to be expected. Do the best job you possibly can and try to avoid conflicts with coworkers.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Focus all your energy on making money. You may want to try to pick up a part-time job. New possibilities for love will be enticing and social activities more gratifying.

Birthday Baby: You will be a sweet and adaptable individual who is eager to please and always wanting to help others. You will be cautious, caring and comfortable with yourself. The year is ripe with possibilities.

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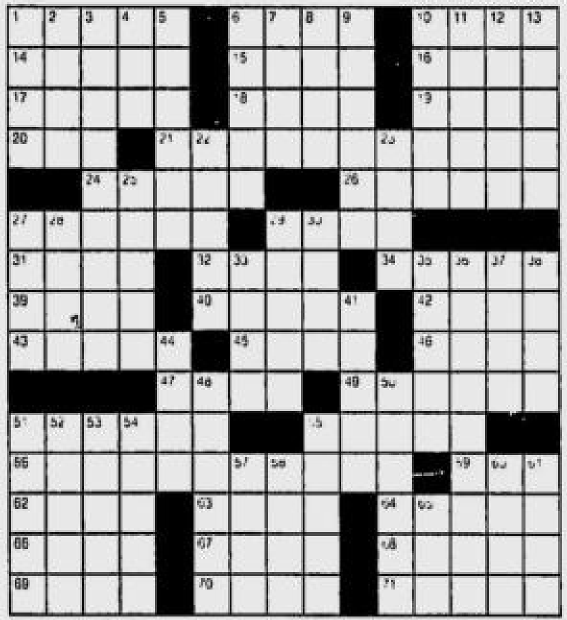

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Wednesday's Puzzle Solved

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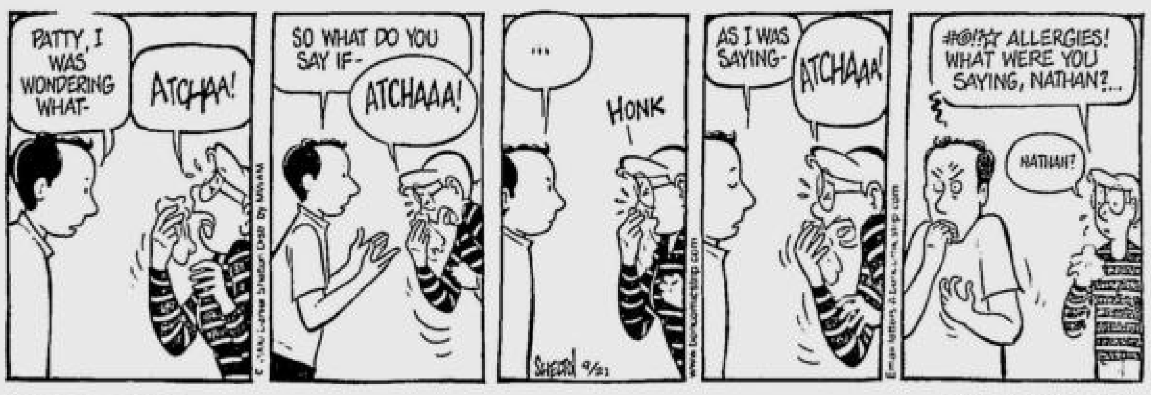
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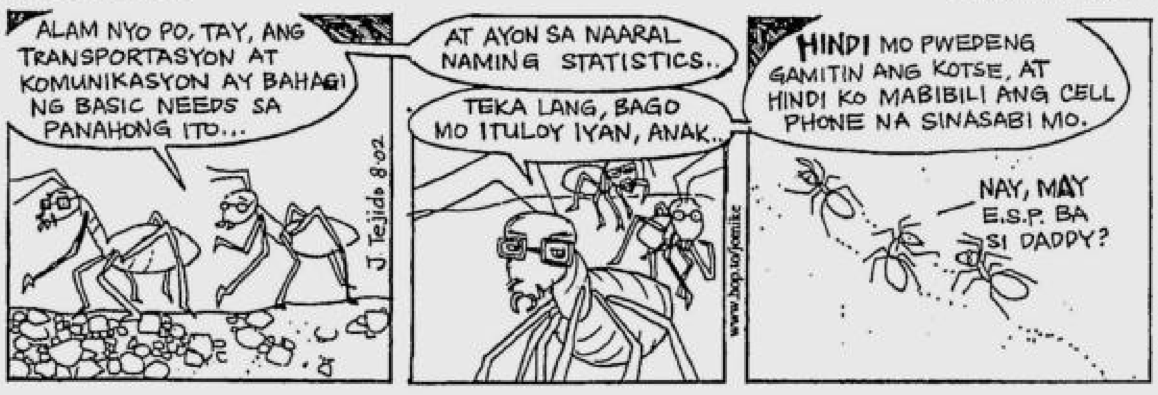
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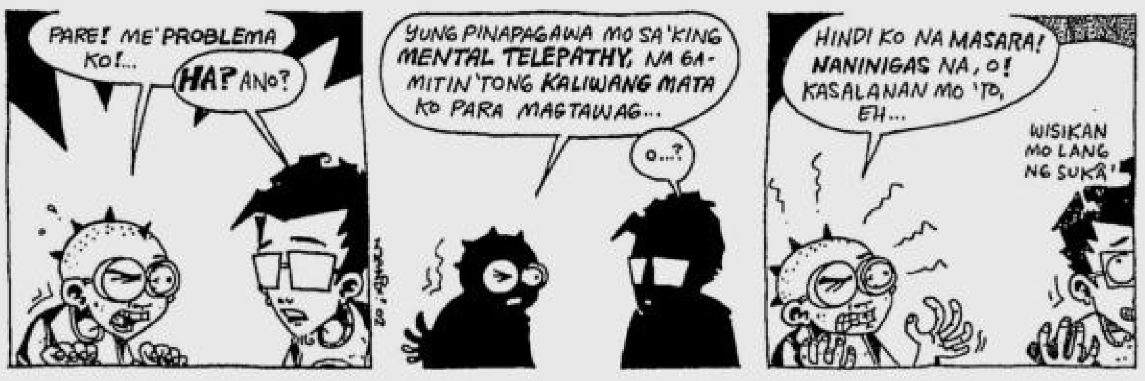
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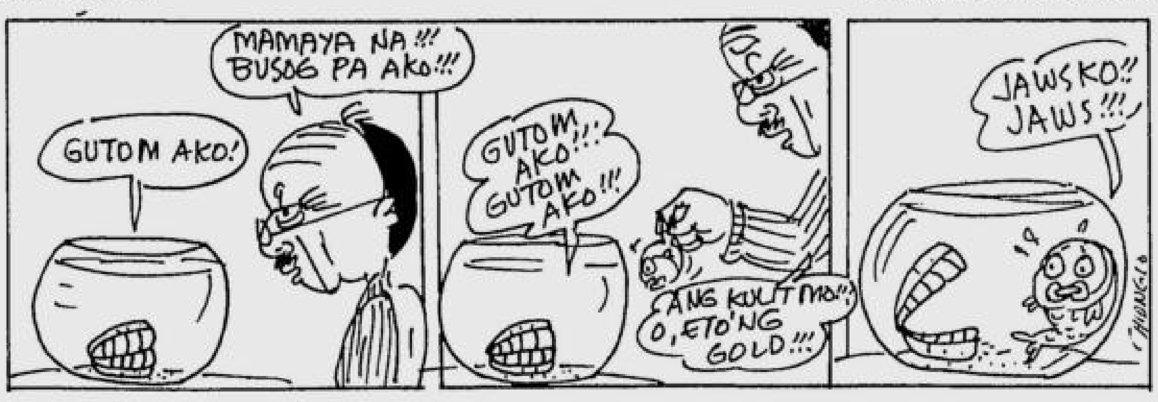
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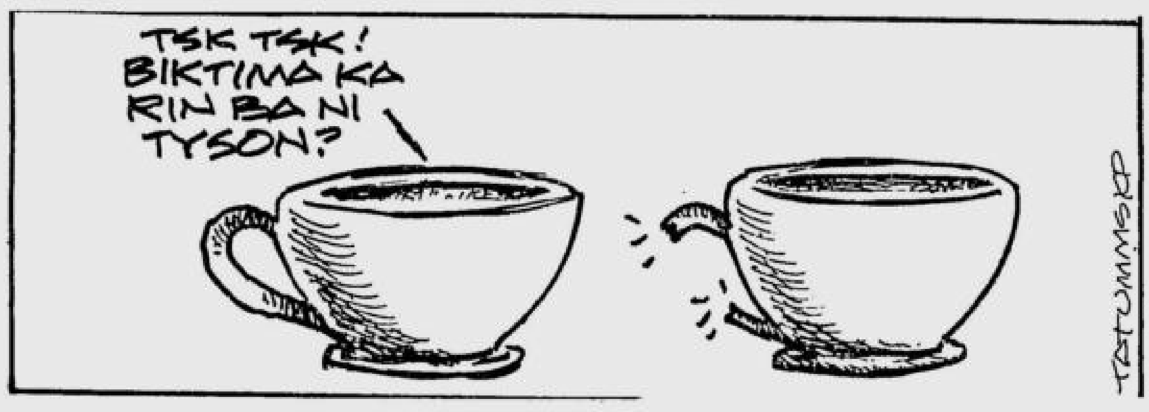
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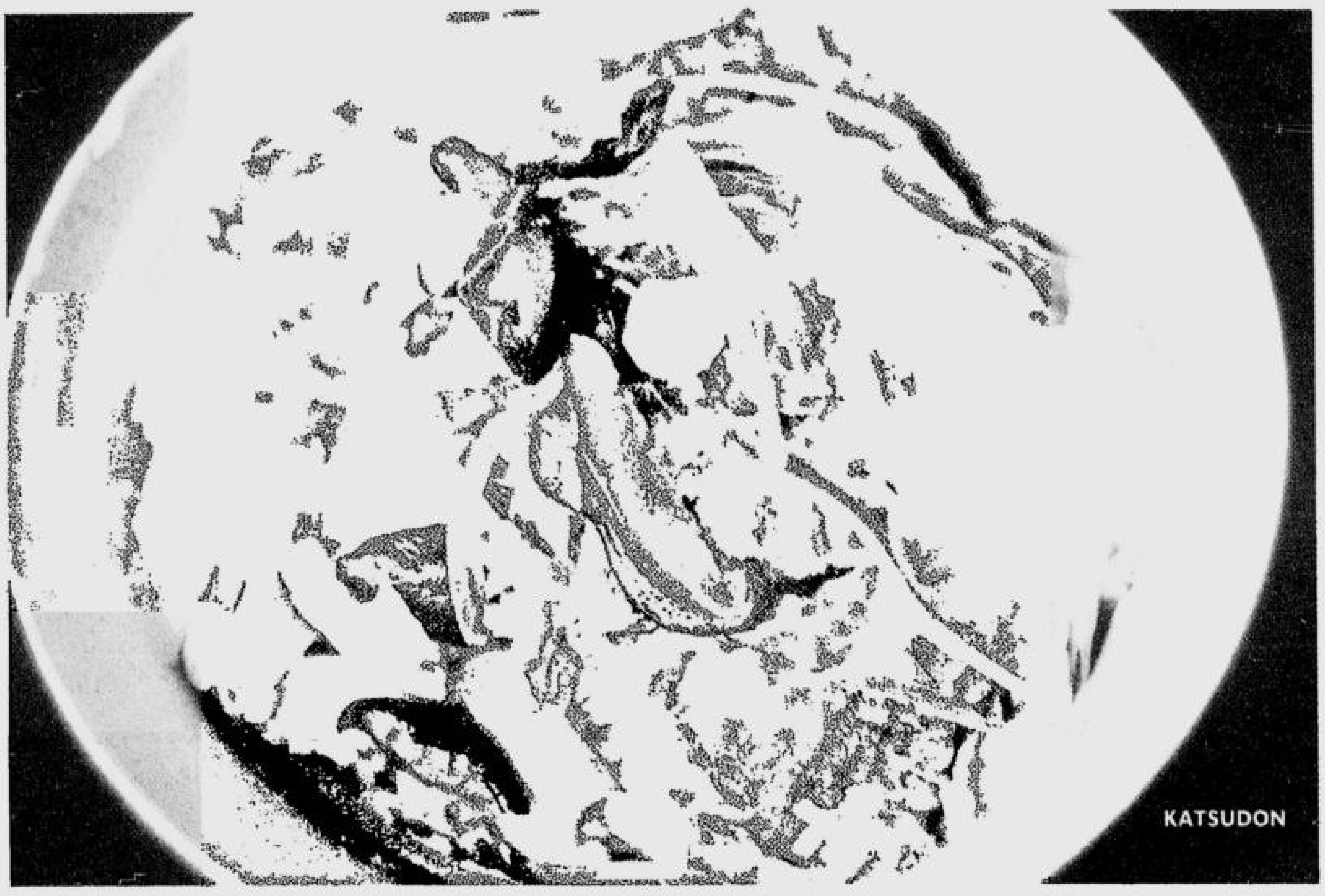
STREET LIFE
PARTY TIME

PARTY OF FOUR. Streetlife's Dondee Magallanes, food and beverage manager; Pat Montinola, marketing manager; Teng Rodrigo, GM; and Marj Soriano, marketing assistant

CENTRAL kitchen

Relish the street life without the smog and noise



KATSUDON

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we offered the full-service concept."

Whichever part of the world your taste buds want to go Streetlife is ready to take them there. There are five establishments under its umbrella to meet your craving for Italian, American, Japanese, Chinese or Pinoy dishes.

Tongue-twisting

Little Italy is for the pasta people. It serves Spaghetti Carbonara, Penne Pesto, Spaghetti Bolognaise, Spaghetti Puttanesca and, for those who want pasta with a slight Pinoy taste, Angel Hair with Tuyo and Olive Oil. Each serving comes with garlic bread.

For every Tom, Dick and Harry, there's the American Fat Alley, which serves Southern Fried Chicken, Barbecued Spareribs and All-Beef Hamburger.

Mongkok (Chinese) offers Spareribs Rice, Beef Brisket Rice, White Chicken Rice, Soya Chicken Rice, Beef Brisket and Tendon Rice, Mixed Vegetable Rice, and Chicken Rice. And the Japanese dishes Katsudon, Gyudon, Yakinikudon, Tendon and Oyakodon are available at Seiji.

For those possessed of Filipino pride and taste, there's BG's, which dishes up Inihaw na Liempo, Pork Barbecue, Chicken Inasal, Inihaw na Pusit and the all-time bestseller Crispy Sisig.

The different cuisines used to be prepared in separate rooms, until Streetlife came up with a centralized system. All orders, except those for Seiji, are now cooked in an open-view kitchen, which, Rodrigo says, keeps the chefs and waiters on their feet. "We instructed our kitchen people to serve lunch in 10-15 minutes," he says.

Streetlife also serves *isaw*, fish balls, squid balls—typical street foods—at prices not that much different from those charged by ambulant vendors. *Kwek-kwek* (the orange-colored breaded eggs) and *proven* (deep-fried chicken skin) are likely to make an appearance on the menu, too. Not surprising for a place called Streetlife.

Gimme 5! is good 12 nn-2 p.m. daily until Nov. 30 at Streetlife Remix, 3/L Glorietta 3, Ayala Center, Makati City.

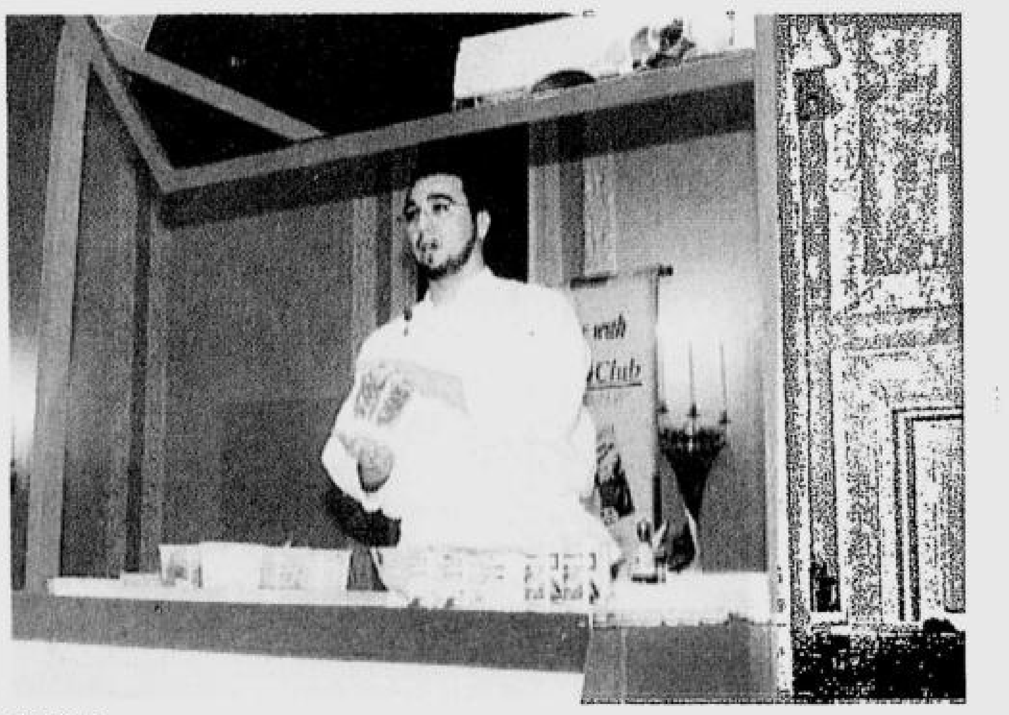
Chef Fernando Aracama conducts series of cooking demos

HUNDREDS of Nestle Club members and lovers of good food recently trooped to the Edsa Shangri-La Hotel as Chef Fernando Aracama, conducted the Nestle Club Stop, Cook and Listen, a series of cooking demos in major cities around the country. This demo tour creates original, easy-to-cook, affordable and nutritious recipes using Nestle products.

More than 300 food connoisseurs, who were eager to learn Chef Aracama's culinary techniques, were able to taste his scrumptious creations. The chef gave a fresh approach to dishes regularly served in a family atmosphere, making it perfect for all members of the household. For best results, he used Nestle products such as Carnation Evap and Condensada, Maggi Flavor-it Meat Powder, Maggi Broth Cubes and Nestle cream, "making the ordinary extraordinary," he says.

For the demo, Chef Aracama featured recipes such as Tofu with Black Bean and Mushroom Sauce, Easy Phad Thai Noodles, Crispy Chicken Cutlets and Mango Tiramisu. *Merienda* was served at the end of the demo, and some lucky participants went home with a bag of Nestle products they won during the raffle.

Membership to the Nestle Club is free-of-charge and interested parties may write to P.O. Box 1163, MCPO, 1251 Makati City or call 898-0061 for membership forms.



CHEF Aracama

Fruit carving course set on Oct. 5

LEARN how to make the foods you serve more visually exciting with fruit and vegetable carvings. ProActive Center for Training offers its "How to Garnish with Fruit and Vegetable Carving" workshop on Oct. 5, 1-5 p.m., at Bedas Restaurant, C-5, Libis, QC.

Various ways of carving vegetables such as cucumbers, potatoes, tomatoes, carrots, radishes and red peppers, and fruits such as apples will be taught.

Training fee is P1,800 per participant, inclusive of the vegetables and fruits, carving tools, snacks, handouts and certificate of completion. Free shuttle service from SM Megamall to the venue and back will be provided.

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Oct 3	Dorothy Ferreria	Party Fare
Oct 4	Heny Sison	Holiday Desserts
Oct 5	Heny Sison	Cookies for Coffee
Oct 9	Heny Sison	Cooking for Giving
Oct 18	Heny Sison	Christmas bars & Cookies
Oct 21&22	Heny Sison	Bread and Rolls
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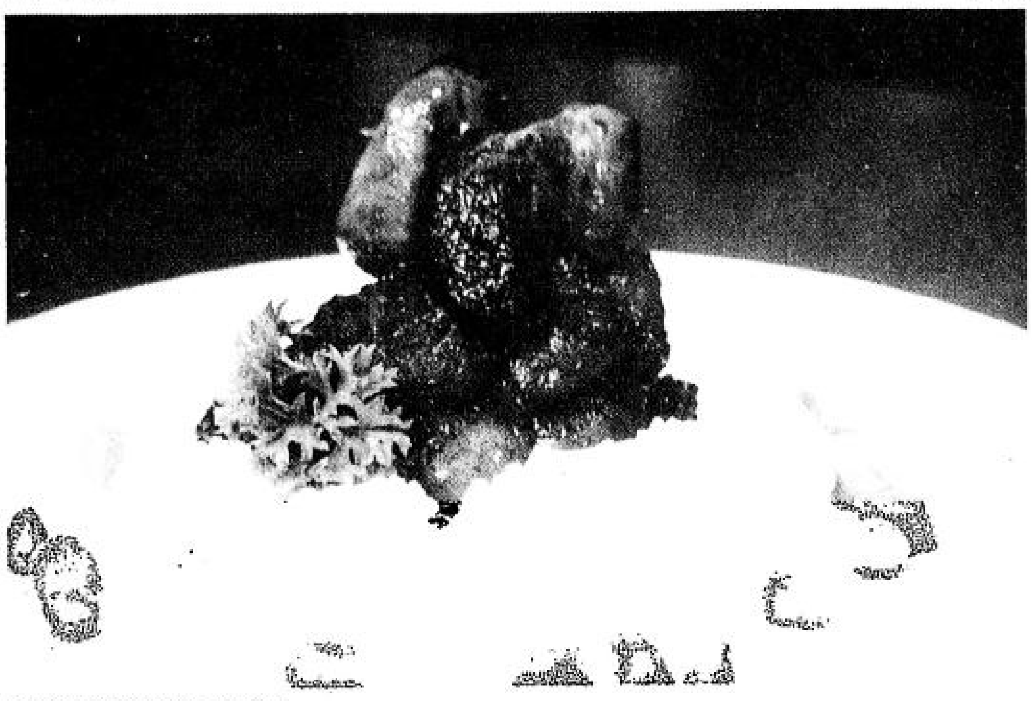
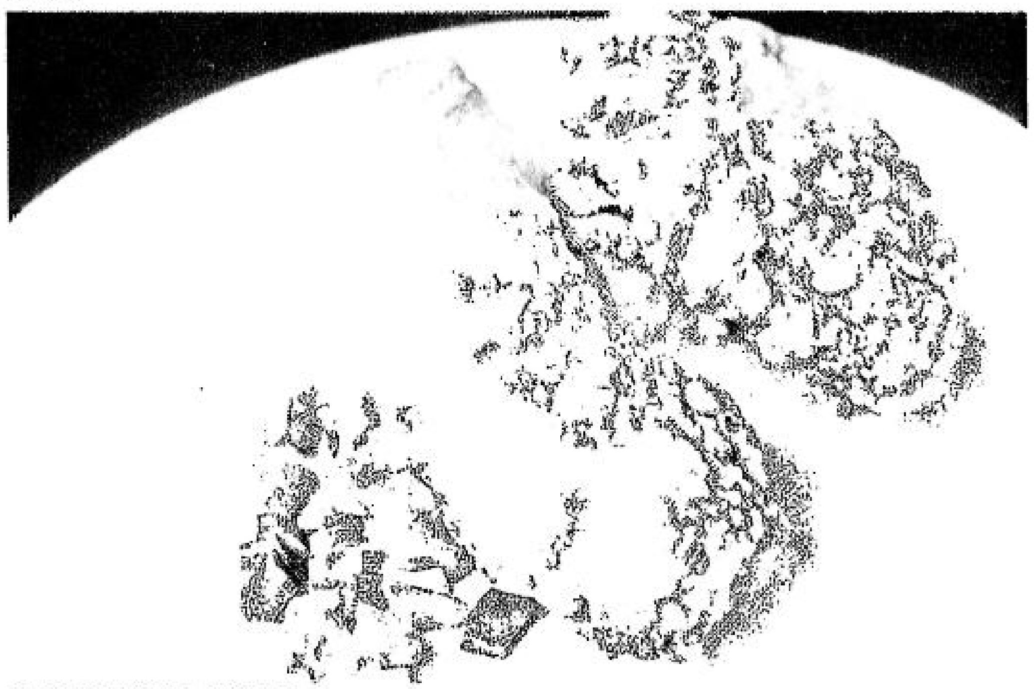

BARBECUED Spareribs

A watering place for yuppies is introducing a little variation to its carousing image with Gimme 5!


SOUTHERN Fried Chicken

Relish the street life without the smog and noise

Text by Alex C. Paita
Photos by Romy Homillada

STREETLIFE Remix, in a less congested, rather secluded portion of Glorietta 3, may be better known as a watering place for nocturnal hearts, providing yuppies with the kind of partying they can get in Libis and the old Malate (live bands, modish atmosphere and, of course, the booze) minus the smog and dust. But now it is introducing a little variation to its carousing image with Gimme 5!, a four-plus-one lunch treat that has been "spoiling" customers since last month.

"We've realized that we're assured of the night crowd, so what we want to do now is to draw people during lunchtime," says Pat Montinola, Streetlife marketing manager. "We want to bring more customers not just to drink at night but to eat as well."

The Gimme 5! promo works as easy as you can say "I want more." Just avail of any of the lunch specials to get a Gimme 5! card. Each card contains illustrations of five "plates"; a "plate" will be marked after your first lunch special, another on your next visit, and so on until four "plates" have been marked. When you get to this point, then you're ready as ready can be to present your card and get your fifth—and free—lunch.

INIHAW na Pusit

Yes, Virginia, the mechanics may sound like a cliché, very food court-ish, but that's deliberate. "We want to compete with the food court since we offer the same pricing, same variety of food, [with the added] advantage of full service," says Montinola. "Here, all you have to do is sit down, call the waiter, order [food] and have fun while waiting."

Streetlife wasn't exactly like that when it first opened in 1995. The old Streetlife used a "passport" system, and it was indeed like a food court—you order and get your food at the counter. Then, after eating, you went back to the counter to pay for your meal.

"[Getting in] was already a problem; everyone was standing, especially when the band started to play. It was hard when you're having a good time and you suddenly needed to order food and drinks. You had to make your way through the crowd," relates Teng Rodrigo, Streetlife general manager.

Streetlife Remix reopened in December 2001 after a major renovation. "We had seen the problem. The market changes, and the quality of service they want changes. Their expectations get wider and wider," says Montinola. "So what we did was, first, we took out the 'passport' system and, second,

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LIFESTYLE

DON Melchor, Concha y Toro wines

Chilean wines come of age

Text by Cathy Babao Guballa
Photos by Betoy Johnson

CHILE, they say, is a winemaker's paradise. The Mediterranean-like climate of the Central Valley is tempered by cool sea breezes and icy downdrafts from the mighty Andes. The country is sometimes called the oldest wine producer in the "New World."

Farmers in the southwest coast of South America have been cultivating wine grapes since the 16th century, when Spanish conquistadors brought the first vines from Europe. Like fine wine, Chile's winemaking reputation has gotten better with age.

Chile's contemporary wine boom took root in the mid-19th century when cuttings from Bordeaux, France, arrived. Before long, talented French winemakers arrived, attracted by the favorable conditions for grape growing in the nation's Central Valley—rich soil, warm summers and mild winters.

The migration of many unemployed French winemakers earned Chile the nickname "Bordeaux of South America." Today, the country is noted for producing some of the most reasonably priced, consistently good varietals in the world. Its wines, especially the reds (Cabernet Sauvignon and Merlot), have received critical acclaim and an expanding share of the international market.

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Tourist destination

Concha y Toro, Chile's largest winery, is made up of several smaller producers with about 5,000 acres in vines. Its headquarters is a 19th-century *hacienda* in the town of Pirque, south of Chile's capital, Santiago. Wine Spectator magazine describes the winemaking estate as one of the few lively tourist destinations in the heart of Chile's wine country, the Maipo Valley. Recently, a select group of gourmands and food writers were feted with a dinner showcasing the Best of Chile. It was a joint effort by the Shangri-La Hotel Makati's Cheval Blanc and Concha y Toro.

Chef Ruth Waerebeek, Belgian by birth but a long-time resident of Chile, "created" a dinner, accompanied naturally by the best of Concha y Toro wines, which would linger in the memories of those who attended.

The dinner began with Empanadas Fritas, much like our very own *empanaditas*, paired with a Sunrise Chardonnay 2001. Sunrise varietals from Concha y Toro are among the

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CHEF Ruth Waerebeek of Makati Shangri-La's Cheval Blanc

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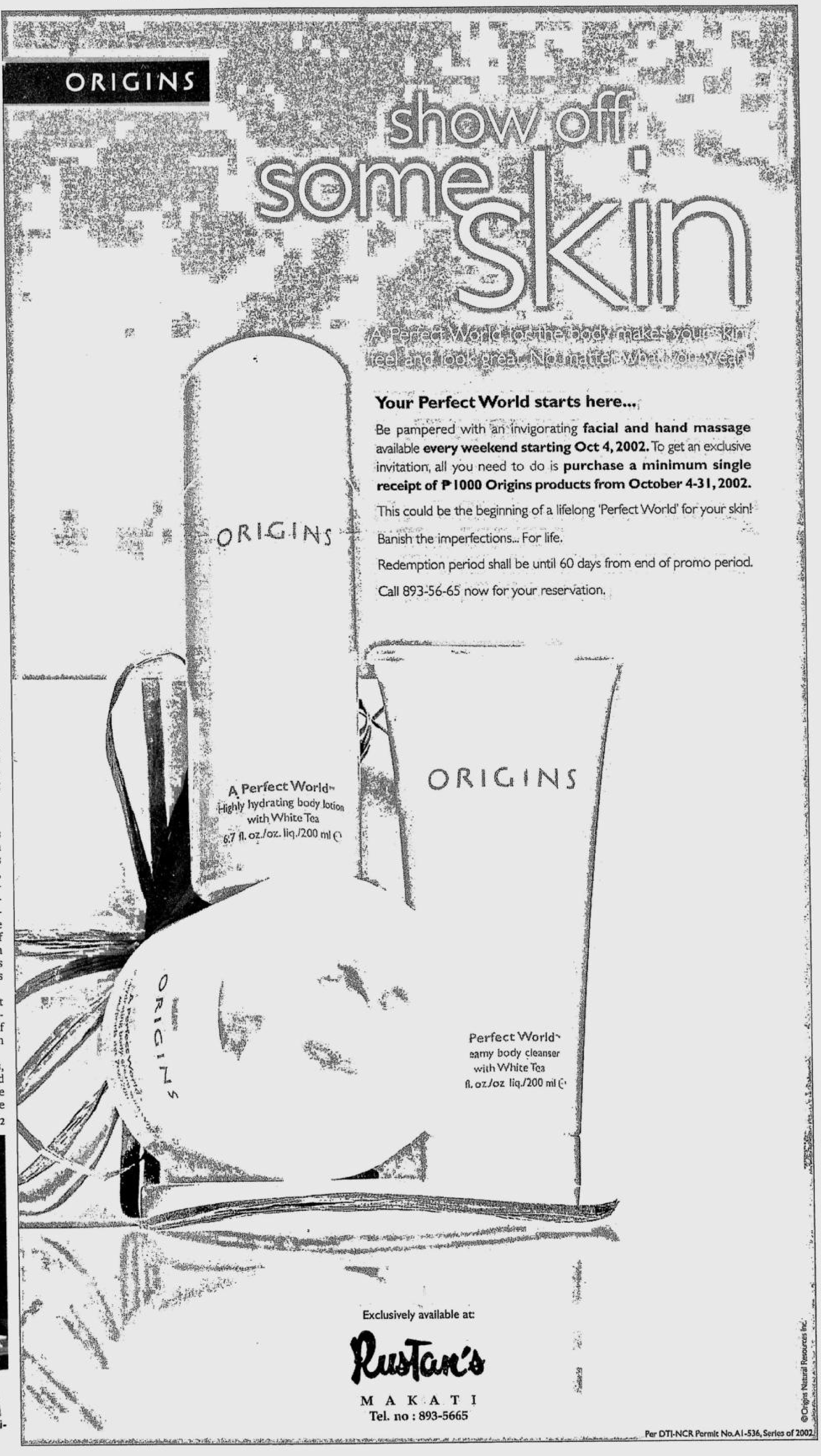

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Chilean wines come of age

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best values from the Central Valley of Chile— pale yellow and bright with the taste of young, bananas and tropical fruits plus a touch of vanilla and cinnamon. It is fruity and crisp and excellent with chicken, seafood and pork dishes, as well as medium-sauced pastas.

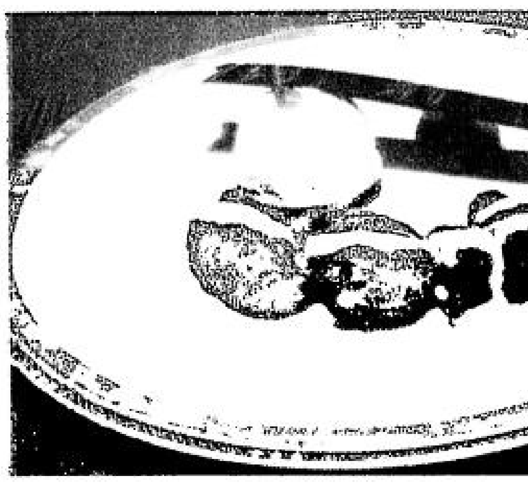
'Legendary' wine

The *empanadas* were followed by a Ceviche (seafood prepared in a centuries-old method of cooking by contact with the acidic juice of citrus juice instead of heat) of salmon and shrimp marinated in lime juice with basil blinis and avocado mousse. A Casillero Del Diablo Sauvignon Blanc 2001 was served with it.

This wine is associated with an interesting legend. It is said that the founder of Concha y Toro, Don Melchor, discovered that his vineyard workers were sampling his best wines. To discourage them, Don Melchor spread the rumor that his deepest, darkest cellar was the Casillero del Diablo (Cellar of the Devil) so no one would dare go in there. Today, this mysterious and legendary cellar continues to hold the finest estate- grown wines—flaxen gold color with a fresh and crisp bouquet.

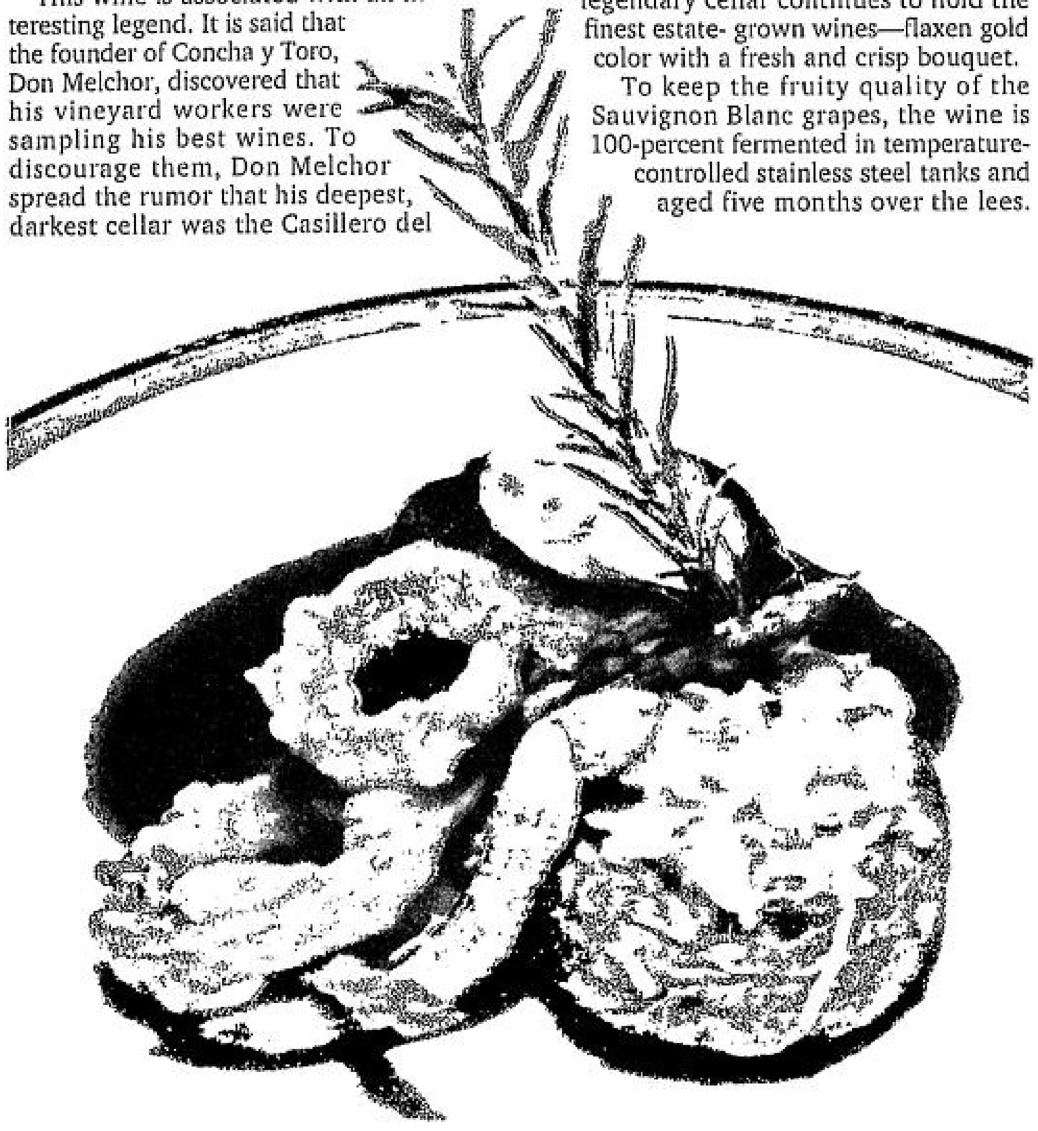
To keep the fruity quality of the Sauvignon Blanc grapes, the wine is 100-percent fermented in temperature-controlled stainless steel tanks and aged five months over the lees. This Sauvignon Blanc is elegant, round and of great volume. It went very well with the Ceviche (and other fresh seafood) and was our personal favorite from the wines we had that evening.

After the Ceviche, a Caldillo de Mariscos Criollo (rich seafood chowder with corn and tomatoes) was served, and we learned that the Chileans, much like the Filipinos, like to use a lot of corn. This soup was quite filling and one gourmand noted that it reminded her of our local version of Suam na Mais—Chilean style.


PICARONES con Miel de Maracuya (Sweet pumpkin fritters with passion fruit honey and rum sauce)

ODA al Pacifica (Ceviche of salmon and shrimp)

AMUSE Bouche (Empanadas fritas)


FILLET a la Pobre (Smoked bacon wrapped in fillet mignon with shallots and red wine jus fried onion rings)

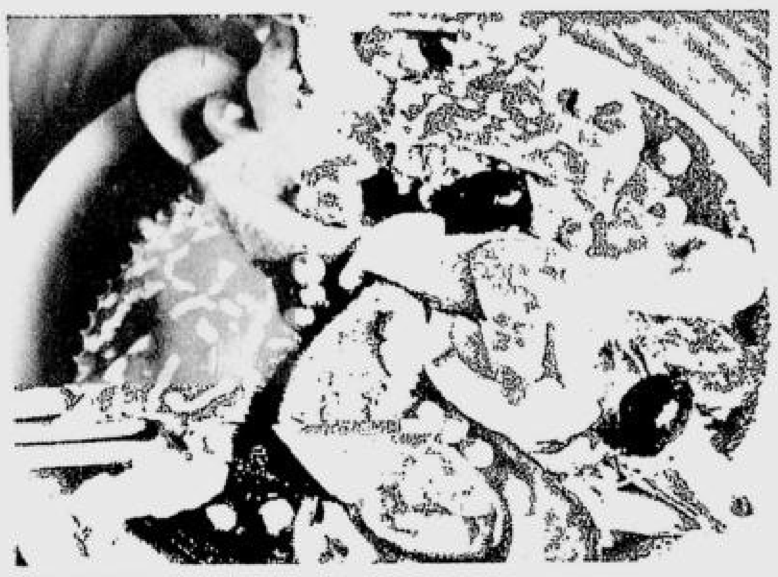
Unique vineyard

Main course was a Filete a lo Pobre—smoked bacon wrapped in filet mignon with shallots and red wine jus with fried onion rings. For a change, we had red wine, the premiere Terrunyo Cabernet Sauvignon 1997. Terrunyo is a unique, well-delimited vineyard where microclimate, the chosen grape stock, a select piece of soil and the expert hand of man interact to produce high quality wine. Grapes are stemmed and, following a light pressing, the juice is pumped into 10,000-liter stainless steel tanks. Temperatures are kept within 27°C and 29°C. Tank contents are then pumped over in full once a day in three stages. Following fermentation, the wine is macerated for two weeks in sealed tanks. The wine is then subsequently transferred to small French oak barrels where it is aged for 19 months.

Terrunyo is also excellent with leg of lamb with spicy sauces, blue cheese, Gruyere and Emmentaler.

For dessert, Picarones con Miel de Maracuya—sweet pumpkin fritters with passion fruit honey and rum sauce—was served with coffee and tea. Perhaps heady with the fabulous wines, one of the gourmands exclaimed, "Maruya!" as he savored the Picarones with a smile rivaling a Cheshire cat's. More like *maruya* with a classic Chilean twist.

Indulge in Japanese specialties four times a week



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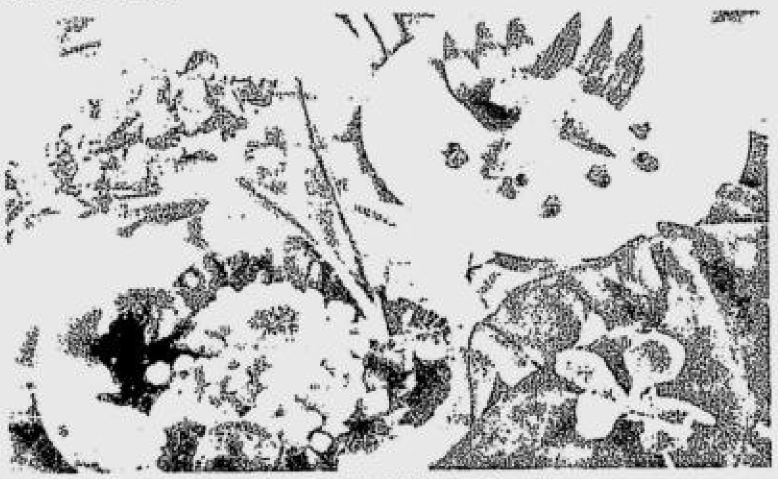
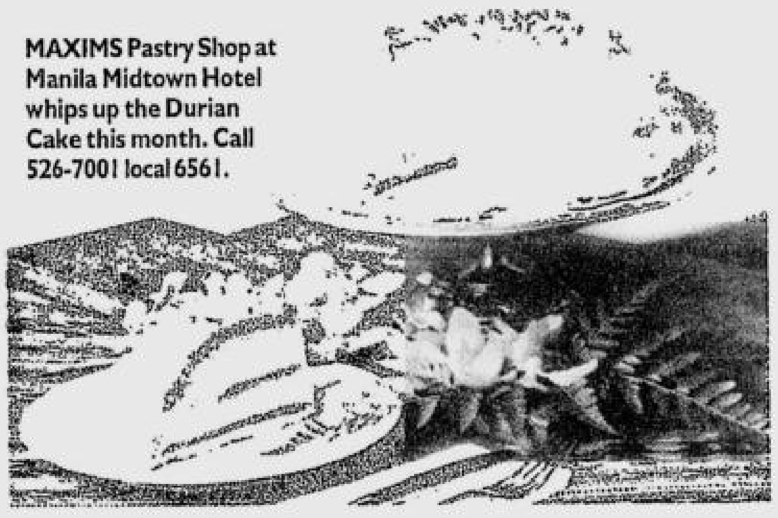


ASEAN Food Festival at the Manila Midtown Hotel

MAXIMS Pastry Shop at Manila Midtown Hotel whips up the Durian Cake this month. Call 526-7001 local 6561.



DINING OUT

HYATT REGENCY MANILA'S Tempura Misono offers a dinner buffet of Japanese favorites from Tuesday to Friday. The specialties include all-fresh *hamachi* and salmon sashimi; *kani* salad (crab and mango salad); vegetable and *ebi* tempura; salmon *kabutoni*; tenderloin *teppanyaki*; *murasake igai* and *motoyaki* (baked mussels and crabs); *oden* (traditional Japanese fishcake soup); and Japanese fried rice.

SULÔ HOTEL presents Absolutely Pinoy!, a latest offering at the Café Paraiso. It features paella dish of seafood, meat and long-grain rice with a mixture of meat-flavored saffron and tomato. Diners can also choose from Asian Rice Toppings such as Stir-Fried Seafood, Thai Green Curry, Chinese Beef and Malaysian Prawns. The Sushi Bar and Teppanyaki Japanese Restaurant features Sulô Sashimi. Call 924-5051 to 71.

THE MANILA MIDTOWN HOTEL stages the Asean food festival until Oct. 13. Entrees include Bean Curd with Vegetables, Tinolang Tahong, Crab and Corn Chowder, Grilled Lapu-lapu Fillet, Prawns Coconut, Spicy Crab, Ox Tongue Asado, Sautéed Yellow Noodles, and Milkfish Vinegar. Daily carvings of Beef Tenderloin, Pork Loin with Stuffing and Rib Eye are a must-try. Cap off the meal with desserts like Tapioca with Coconut Milk, Sweet Potato with Ginger Syrup, and Fresh Tropical Fruits. Call 526-7001 local 6554.

DUSIT HOTEL NIKKO joins the whole world in celebrating "Oktoberfest," a world-famous festival tradition which originated from Munich, Germany. The month-long event, 5 p.m.-1 a.m., features authentic German beer only found and freshly brewed at Dusit's German pub Paulaner Brauhaus. Complementing the brews are traditional German favorites such as pork knuckle with caraway sauce, mixed sausage platter, roast chicken, bread dumplings, pork neck served with sauerkraut, etc. Guests may also try pica-pica selections such as Inihaw na Pusit, Rib-eye, Scallops, Blue Marlin and Tanguingue. Call Paulaner Brauhaus at 867-3333 local 3341/3308.

CANYON WOODS Resort Club in Laurel, Batangas will hold its own Oktoberfest on Oct. 12. Homeowners and club members are invited to join. Highlights include the launching of the Kiddie Club Mascot, Ranger Cany; body and face painting; and palm reading. A band will perk up the night. Get ready to polka. Put on your best Oktoberfest outfit. Visit www.canyonwoods.com.

CLOCKWISE, from left: Szechuan prawns, crispy noodles with assorted seafood, and sweet and sour pork

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SUPER Bowl of China, the restaurant that has successfully combined the best of Chinese cuisine and Western-style dining, recently opened its newest branch at bustling Glorietta 4 in Makati City.

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Today, the restaurant is undisputedly carving out a prominent place in Chinese casual dining.

Super Bowl has indeed more than a bowlful of aces up its sleeves. Foremost is the food. Imagine over a hundred dishes on the menu. Credit goes to Master Chef Law Hung Sau who has put together these choice Cantonese dishes.

The friendly staff guides you through a pleasurable dining experience, starting off with a bowl of complimentary *kropek*. To start, there are around 15 dimsum varieties, including Steamed Pork Ribs, Hakao, Steamed Polonchay and Shrimp Dumpling, Chicken Feet with Taro, Siu Mai.

And that's just for dimsum. From the roast kitchen come the Suckling Pig, Soya Chicken, Roasted Duck.

Served piping hot from the kitchen are assorted congees while the massive bowls of fried rice and toppings will surely satisfy those with a hearty appetite. Top sellers include Lapu-lapu fillet with Taosi on Rice, Assorted Seafood on Rice, Hot Pot Rice. Whichever you pick is a winner.

Of course, the main dishes are something to look forward to. Delicious choices include Crispy Lemon Chicken, Szechuan Prawns, Sweet and Sour Pork and Beef Fillet Chinese Style.

End your meal with the most popular dessert, Mango Pudding. Also try the peanut *buchi* or deep-fried sesame ball.

The restaurant offers value for money. Prices of dimsum start at P60, main dishes from P130, noodles from P90. Actually, no dishes are priced over P210.

Super Bowl of China at Glorietta 4 can be accessed through an exclusive entrance way/escalator at the right side of the main circular drop-off and fountain. Or, for added convenience, it can also be reached via the basement parking. It is open Sunday to Thursday, 10:30 a.m.-12 mn, and Friday and Saturday, 10:30 a.m.-1 a.m.

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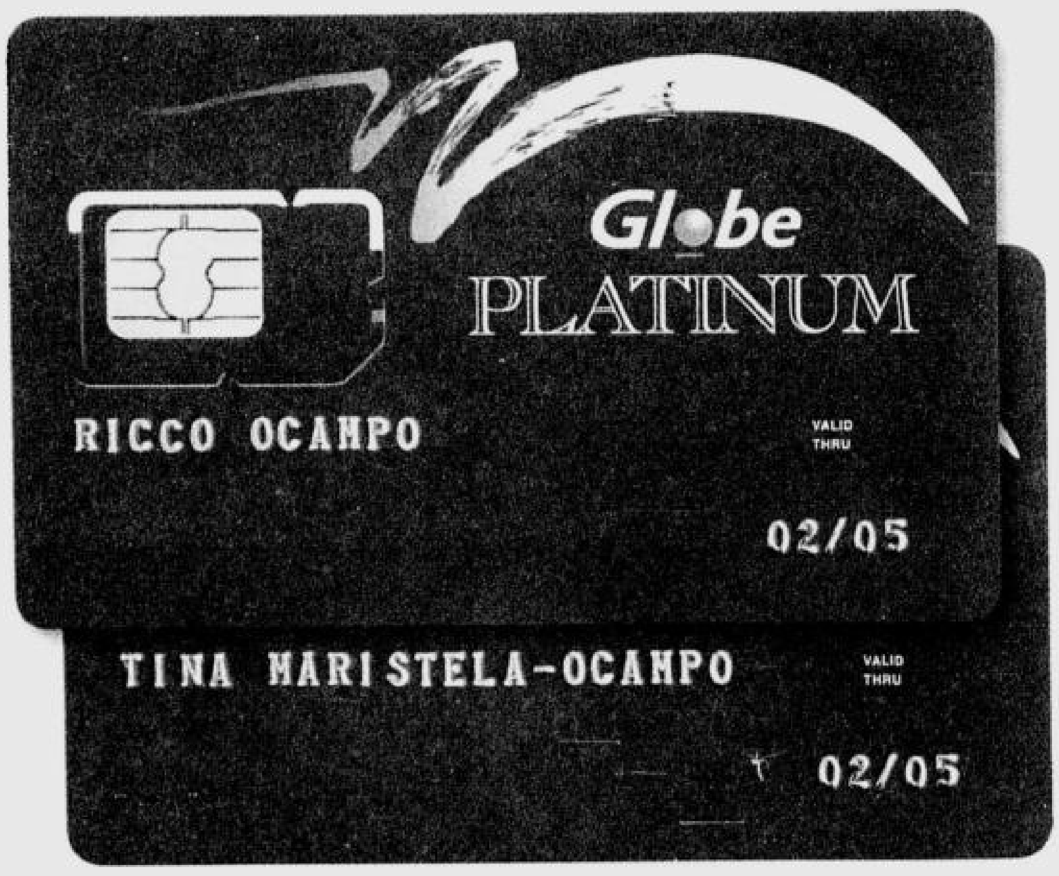

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Congress Speakers' Profile

John F. Saladino was born in Kansas City, Missouri. A graduate of Notre Dame and the Yale School of Art and Architecture, he worked in Rome with Architect Piero Sartogo before returning to New York to open his own design practice. Saladino Group, inc. founded in 1972, has grown into a full service architectural and interior design organization with a staff of 30. Current projects range from apartment renovations to corporate headquarters. Mr. Saladino's present architectural commissions are a 24,000 square foot residence on the West Coast, an 8,000 square foot apartment on 5th Avenue and a Tuscan farmhouse in Montecito, California. His work is published regularly in books and design magazines in the United States, England, France, Germany, Italy and Japan.

In 1986, John Saladino started his own furniture company with no less than 60 new designs. These designs continue his philosophy of mixing "old with new" and demonstrate his full maturity as an artist and a master of scale. The historical references in his oeuvre are always implicit; from the Villa of Mysteries in Pompeii through Palladio and William Kent, there is a genuine love of history that permeates all of Mr. Saladino's designs. The humanism from his long tradition endorses the human scale and comfort. The furniture, all of which is based on simple geometric forms, is intended to appeal to both the traditionalist and the modernist. Mr. Saladino, who is frequently refered to as the "designers' designer," has won numerous Interior Design and Furniture awards and has served as a board member for a number of organizations, including Formica, Parsons School of Design, Steuben glass, Save Venice, and the Sir John Soane Museum Foundation.

Philip Cutler graduated with a BS degree in Economics from The Wharton School of the University of Pennsylvania and a BS in Fine Arts form the Tyler School of Fine Arts of Temple University. As a furniture consultant residing in New York, USA, he is involved in the retail business with Macy's and Lord & Taylor (both in New York) buying modern, and traditional furniture, including antiques, as well as conceiving and developing furniture collections, special home fashion and design exhibitions. He directs and coordinates Special Foreign Fairs in the Home fashion division of Macys.

He is likewise consultant to various US furniture factories on trend directions for home fashions, trend tours and conducts training for buyers for overseas markets. He is presently involved in an evaluation project in China for ITC (UNCTAD/GATT) and a member of the team for UNIDO on ASEAN handicrafts project. He is initial furniture consultant for CITEM for developing furniture fairs in the Philippines and abroad and conducts seminars on the current trends and directions of furniture for the Philippine furniture industry and private factory consultations. He is now working in Milano, Italy on design research.

Hashimoto Yukio Design Studio o. Ltd.
Yukio Hashimoto
Designer of Hashimoto Yukio Design Studio Co. Ltd.
Lecturer of Women's College of Fine Arts

1962	Born in Aichi Prefecture
1986	Graduated from Aichi Prefectural University of Arts Graduation Piece purchased by Alma Mater
1986	Designer: Super Potato Co. Ltd.
1996	Became Freelance
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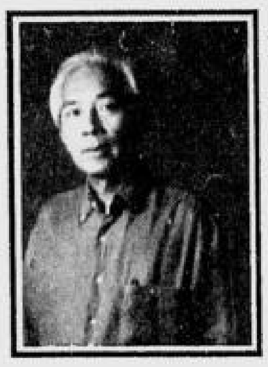

Augusto Villalon graduated with a BA in Sociology and History of Art from the University of Notre Dame and with a Master's degree in Architecture from Yale University. Mr. Villalon's professional career began as the Head Product Designer of the Design Center Philippines, a government agency mandated to upgrade the export industry through improved design. His involvement in the preservation and revival of Philippine craft led to an interest in Philippine culture that directed his career path to handcrafted architecture and architectural preservation. He was a member of the Board of the National Commission for Culture and the Arts until 1999 and Director of the United Architects of the Philippines from 1998-2000. He now chairs the Heritage Conservation Society of the Philippines and is currently the Commissioner for Cultural Heritage in the UNESCO National Commission of the Philippines. In the same light, he is consultant for UNESCO (Paris) participating in international missions, as well as cultural tourism planning projects in China for the World Tourism Organization (Madrid). Likewise, he is consultant to the Ministry of Tourism and Culture of Indonesia and for other United Nations agencies like the ITC-UNCTAD (Geneva) and UNIDO (Vienna).

At present, aside from his being the Principal Architect of A. Villalon Associates in Manila, he currently writes a regular column in the Philippine Daily Inquirer and has authored the books "Manila" (published by the Ministerio de Asuntos Exteriores, Madrid, 2000), and "Lugar: Essays on Philippines Heritage, Places and Architecture" (published by Bookmark, Manila, 2001). He has received two major awards: Araw ng Maynila Medallion of Honor from the City of Manila and the Padre Burgos Award from the Municipality of Vigan in recognition of his efforts in heritage conservation.

Messages:

Greetings and Welcome... The APSDA 2002 has been focused to open an opportunity for us Designers to create, nurture and maintain an environment of growth and unlimited potentials in the dynamic world of our times. The PIID is indeed lucky to provide the venue for such an undertaking; where the integration of culture and technology is expected to evolve a new design without losing the imprints of one's cultural heritage.

This is where we must learn to share with the global community, a high level of design competitiveness and excellence – an outcome to initiate a new direction towards dynamism in a technical decade!

Gerry L. Contreras
GERRY L. CONTRERAS
Over-All Chairman
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In progressive world such as ours today, we have to open up, reach out and take on the responsibility towards the designers' sensitivity and creativity to technical proficiency in order to meet the quality of living and workplace in a global environment. However, the designers' attempt towards technical mutations of functions and aesthetics may bring unexpected values and appeals to our consumer and user communities, which may either be treasures or monstrosities of our age!

It is on this context, that the APSDA Theme 2002 has been conceptualized so that we may expect:

- A universal awareness and direction towards preservation of cultures in its integration with the new technology.
- That this gathering of Asean Designers will be the venue to establish guidelines and define limitations to realize how dynamism in our designs can be attuned to the trends of the new millennium. Indeed a challenge we have to face!

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DAY OF GERMAN UNITY

Federal President Johannes Rau on the Day of German Unity

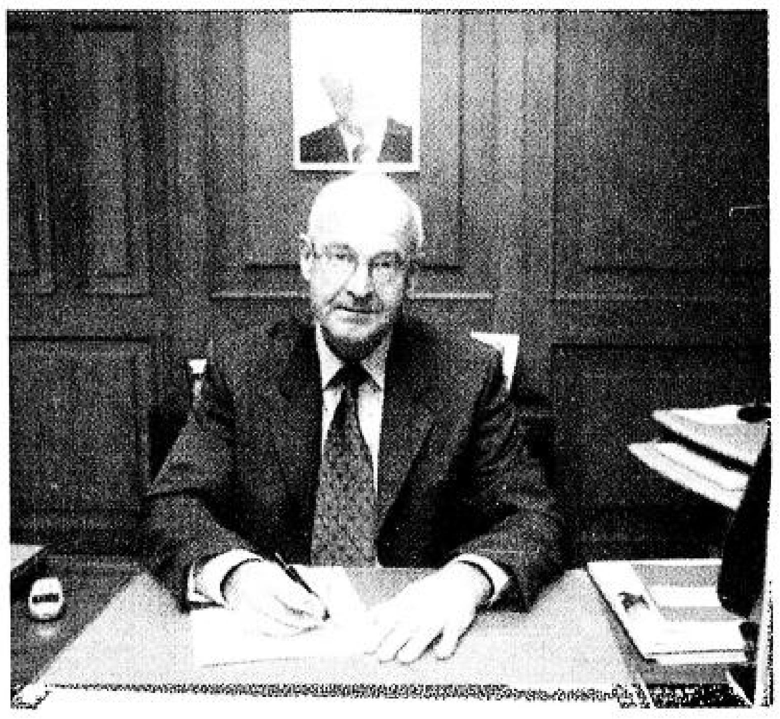
THIS YEAR as in years past, the Day of German Unity is a day of joy, a day of gratitude and a day of confidence. We are joyful that our country is no longer torn in two by an inhuman border. We are grateful that so many friendly nations helped us along our way to unity and shared our happiness. We are confident that Germany will push its internal reconstruction ahead and continue to make positive contributions - alongside our friends and partners - to peace and stability in the world as a member of the European Union, NATO and the United Nations.

During the past few weeks, Germany was ravaged by the worst flood disaster it has seen in centuries. This flood cost lives and devastated many cities and vast sections of the countryside. This disaster, the struggle to hold the waters back and the joint help provided those affected by the disaster have brought the people in our country closer together. We have learned how great the power of solidarity is.

A wealth of countries and countless people from around the world have also shown us this solidarity. My countrymen and I are thankful for the help and comfort we have received. We will not forget it.

In the wake of this disaster, the question is growing louder in Germany whether the natural disasters which are occurring with increasing frequency around the world are man-made and what we have to do together to preserve the environment. As a result of this disaster, climate protection and environmental protection have become even more important issues in Germany. Moreover, we also know that a fundamental improvement in the economic and social situation in less developed countries is an indispensable prerequisite for environmental protection to be effective. For this reason there is a close connection between the protection of natural resources, development policy and the conditions underlying economic cooperation in our ever smaller world.

National unity continues to be both a gift and an obligation for us Germans. Which is why the international community can continue to count on the Federal Republic of Germany to fulfill its role in the world in the future as well - as a good neighbor, as a reliable friend and partner.



Dear Friends, Filipino and German,

LOOKING back at an immensely rewarding first year representing the Federal Republic of Germany in the Philippines, it is my personal pleasure to invite you all to this year's celebration of the day of German unity.

This year's national holiday comes directly after the election of a new German Parliament which took place on September 22nd, 2002. Twelve years after reunification, the people of Germany have decided that the ruling coalition of Social Democratic and Green Parties will retain its majority in Parliament. Therefore it can be expected that they will also form the government for the next four years. Unlike a presidential system, not only the amount of votes that one party obtains will decide upon the question of who will have the executive power. Instead, the ability to form a coalition with other parties in order to build up a majority in parliament is necessary to form the government. Therefore, a second term of Chancellor Gerhard Schroeder can be predicted although the two major competing parties reached a stalemate situation by both drawing the same percentage of votes from the election. The Federal President of Germany will appoint the Chancellor based on the effective majority in the Parliament. Obviously, the political system in Germany is based on a permanent negotiation process between more than one political player, which has the advantage that it is less likely to be influenced by radical moves from either side.

The parliamentary elections were preceded in August by a flooding catastrophe that swept over many parts of Europe this summer. The flooding caused considerable loss of life and property in the Eastern part of Germany and led to immense suffering of the population in that area. These events have intensified social awareness and created a strong feeling of solidarity among Germans. The government acted quickly to provide effective financial aid to the flood victims and saw to it that the heavily damaged infrastructure was restored immediately after the disaster.

Whatever the reasons for the flood crisis were, it could be taken as a confirmation that the ecological focus in German politics over the last decade is the right approach to international economic development. Therefore, the contributions of Chancellor Gerhard Schroeder recently made at the UN Summit on Sustainable Development in Johannesburg were highly appreciated and welcomed by the international community. The constructive proposals and the move towards responsibility made by Germany in this field show the high interest in cooperation with our partners not only in Europe but all over the world. My country also continues to pursue an active policy on the ASEAN states, with which we enjoy economic and political partnership of more than twenty years. Germany constantly endeavors towards a strong, open and reliable relationship with its Asian partners and continues to place utmost importance on cooperation founded on the spirit of mutual understanding. In that respect, my country will maintain and steadily increase its engagement in the Philippines. This fact has already elevated Germany as one of the most important economic partners of the Philippines. Large internationally operating companies of German origin such as BMW, Siemens and Deutsche Telekom are intensely committing themselves to the Philippine economic landscape and contributing to the development of a stable Philippine economy.

Bilaterally, it will remain our aim to tighten the political, economic and cultural bonds that already connect our two countries. It is our goal to intensify the political dialogue in order to protect the democratic and social values that we both share, especially as regards our mutual awareness of the necessity to combat international terrorism. Germany recognises its duty, as well as the Philippines, to support the world community's struggle against this new scourge of the modern world. In this respect, my country has already demonstrated its responsibility and contributed actively to peacefully rebuild the country of Afghanistan after the military operations against the Al Qaeda organisation and their supporters. The German military held the command on allied army troops in Afghanistan over several months and also provided a platform for peace negotiations in Germany.

I once more would like to express my gratitude to the people of the Philippines for having enriched both my professional as well as my personal life during the last year through their company and a constant exchange of experience and thoughts. I wish to extend my highest appreciation to the Filipino people, to the Philippine government and Her Excellency President Gloria Macapagal Arroyo and I am confident that the relationship between our two nations will steadily intensify and become even closer in the years ahead.

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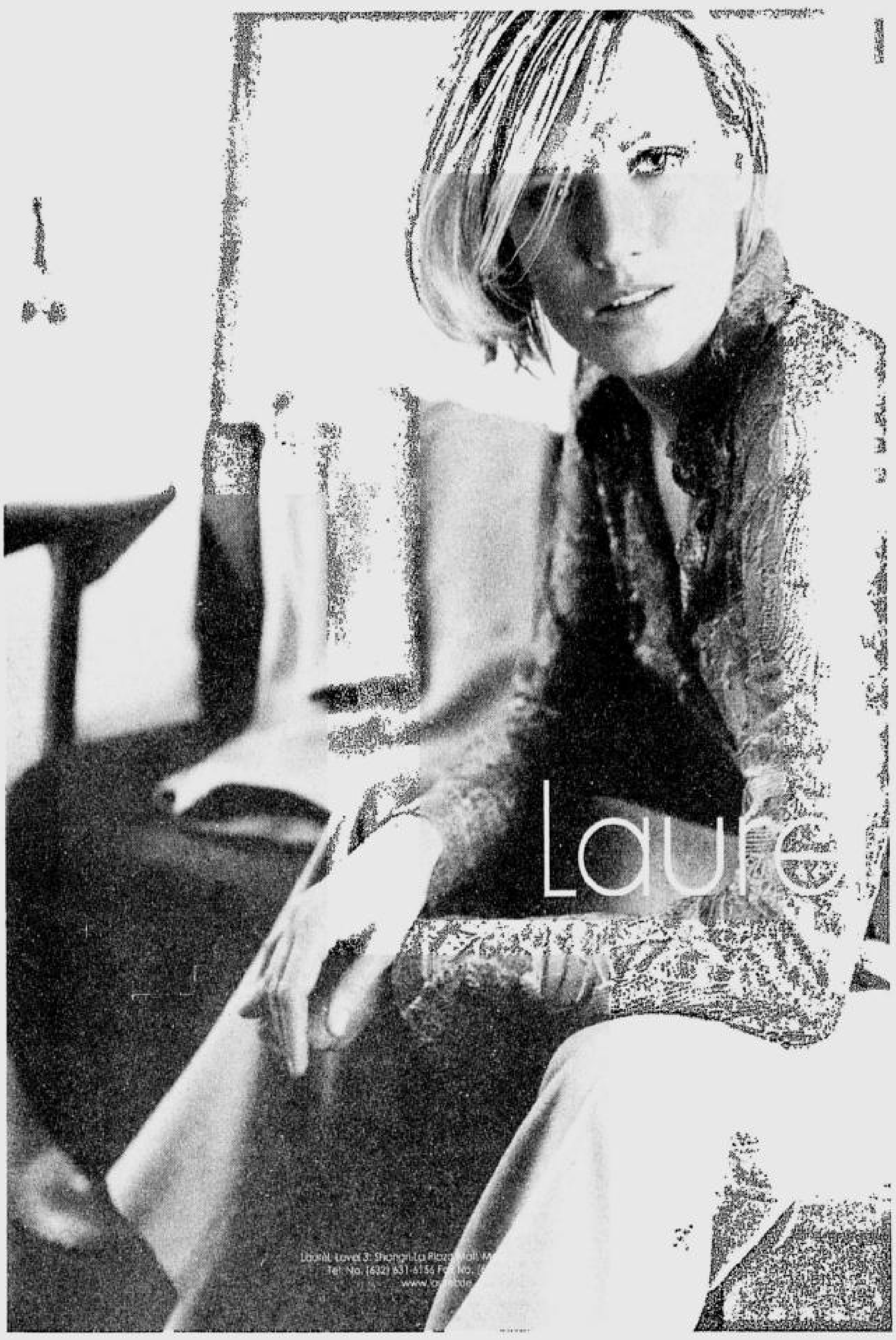
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Raising the level of automotive service training

Text and photos
by Joel V. Nigos

BANILAD, Cebu City—"For a country to be successful you need a certain workforce, educated people in knowledge and in skills who will do the work to move the country forward."

Thus said Harald Erich Amtmann, consultant of the Automotive Service Association Inc. (ASAI), as he points out the importance of vocational training especially in a developing country like ours.

Amtmann is in the country as part of the Center for International Migration (CIM), a human resources provider with a development-policy mission. CIM has a worldwide pool of experts currently working in over 80 developing countries.

ASAI, on the other hand, is a non-stock, non-profit organization consisting of 19 service workshops in Metro Cebu. It started as the Sectoral Training Advisory Committee (STAC) in 1994 and is now geared towards strengthening and raising the standards of automotive workers within the association and the Visayas.

"ASAI is the one running the automotive training center here," says Amtmann. "I remember there was also training being done here before but it was not very successful. Private enterprises cannot use the training for any kind of work. There were even no classrooms needed for theoretical studies. Until CIM came in 1999 and provided the much-needed help."

With a Memorandum of Agreement with the Technical Education and Skill Development Authority (Tesda), ASAI is using Tesda's Regional Office in Region VII located in Banilad, Cebu City, as its Training Center. It is now focusing on its mission of developing highly skilled and globally competitive manpower resource in the automotive service industry in the Visayas region and in the Philippines.

AMTMANN with some of the trainees at the ASAI service workshop at Tesda Regional Office in Banilad, Cebu City.

The association now offers courses in Basic Automotive, Dual Training, Preventive Maintenance, Customized Training (Engine Performance, Engine Repair, Electricity, Manual Transmission and Drive Train, Automatic Transmission, Brakes, Suspension and Steering, Automotive Air-conditioning), Trainers Training Course, Automotive Service Technology, Driving Education, Management Course and Emission Course.

"We now have three full-time teachers employed. We run three courses from morning to evening and we're full with about a hundred trainees," says Amtmann.

Trainees use classrooms for theoretical purposes and a service workshop for practical and hands-on training.

In three years time, ASAI with CIM working hand-in-hand with them, can boast of its major achievements.

It has conducted the Dual Training to the first batch of 12 participants. It began in January 2000. Dual Training is adopted from the same system that is very successful in Germany. The system needs the cooperation of a service workshop, which provides the venue, as well as the allowances of the trainee. It is now initializing the second batch of trainees.

It has so far also raised the level of quality of the training.

"In the beginning we had only three national certificate levels, now we have four certificate levels. We're using four different books which serves as the training module for the four levels aside the book used for specialized training. A lot of these courses are available in CD-ROMs. The association invested about $2,000 for this project. We believe that both trainers and trainees would benefit from this project," says Amtmann.

It has also developed a computerized assessment test or in CD-ROM. It is a complete, fast, and efficient assessment system wherein trainers can just select from a pool of questions from the computer. These questions are bar-coded, trainers can choose which questions he wants to give, the computer will print these questions out along with the answer sheets.

The association has also become a strong advocate for the Clean Air Act.

"Since more than two years, we're trying to have seminars here, talk to people, talk to officials, trying to inform them what we know about emission control. We're the only expertise actually here in the Visayas or even in the country. We have the test equipment here, the most modern equipment that can serve the purpose," says Amtmann.

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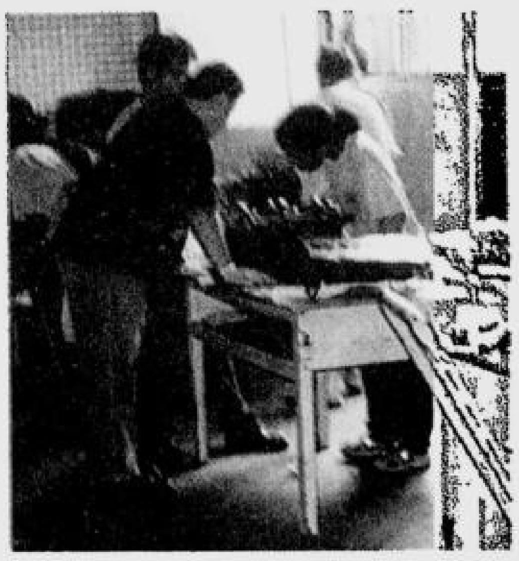
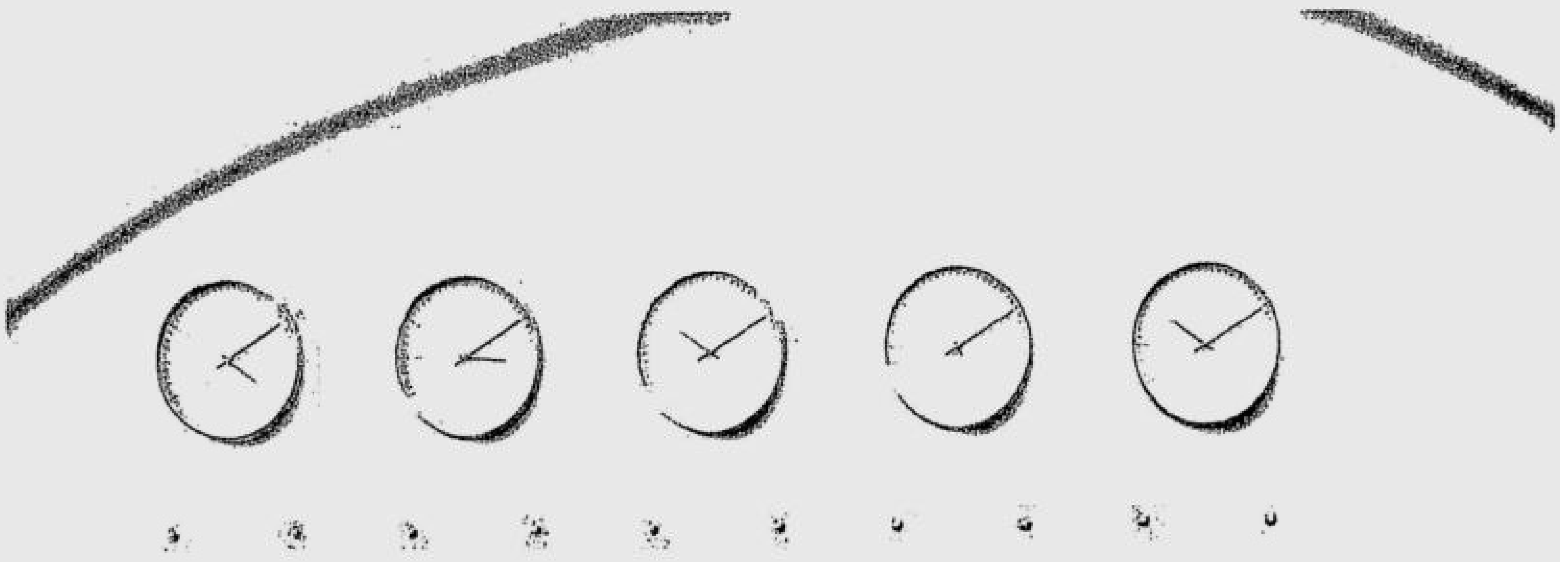


ASIDE from attending classes for theoretical knowledge, participants have to undergo hands-on training.



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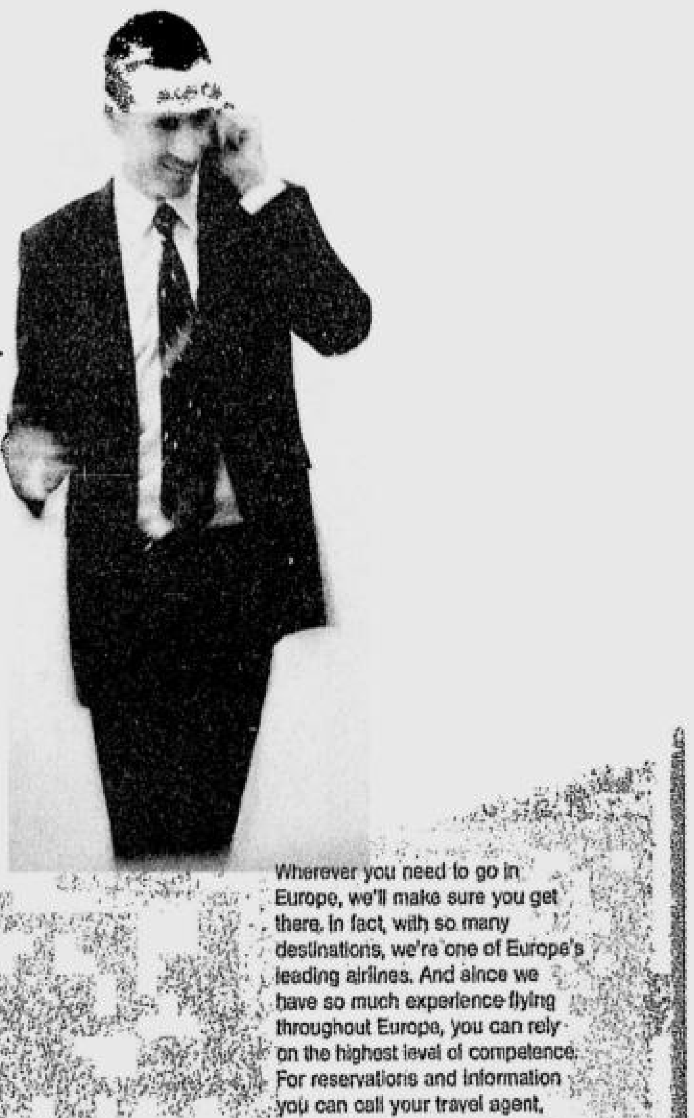

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Germany's cliffhanger elections 2002

GERMANY'S election on 22 September 2002 for a new federal parliament (Bundestag) resulted in a cliffhanger race between the current governing coalition (Social Democrats and Alliance 90/The Greens) led by Chancellor Gerhard Schröder and the main opposition parties (Christian Democrats led by Edmund Stoiber and the Free Democrats). Germans gave the current coalition a very close lead. With a voter turnout of 79.1 % of the 61.2 million registered voters the results are as follows:

- Social Democrats (SPD) 38.5 %
- Christian Democrats (CDU/CSU) 38.5 %
- Alliance 90/The Greens (Bündnis 90/Die Grünen) 8.6 %
- Liberals (FDP) 7.4 %

All other parties failed to make the five percent threshold needed to be represented in the Bundestag.

SPD and Greens have started negotiations on a new coalition agreement for the next four-year term. Together they will have secured 306 seats out of a total of 603 seats in the new Bundestag, a severely reduced but sufficient majority. Once this majority is secured the members of the Bundestag will elect the new head of government (Chancellor) from within their midst, who in turn will appoint the members of his cabinet. Negotiations on a coalition agreement will probably take several weeks since they will cover the future priorities of the new federal government (Bundesregierung) during the next four-year term.

The priorities of the new Bundesregierung for the next four years are expected to be:

- economic growth and the reduction of unemployment
- modernization of the social security system
- combat against international terrorism
- environmental policy
- European integration
- further modernization of immigration laws

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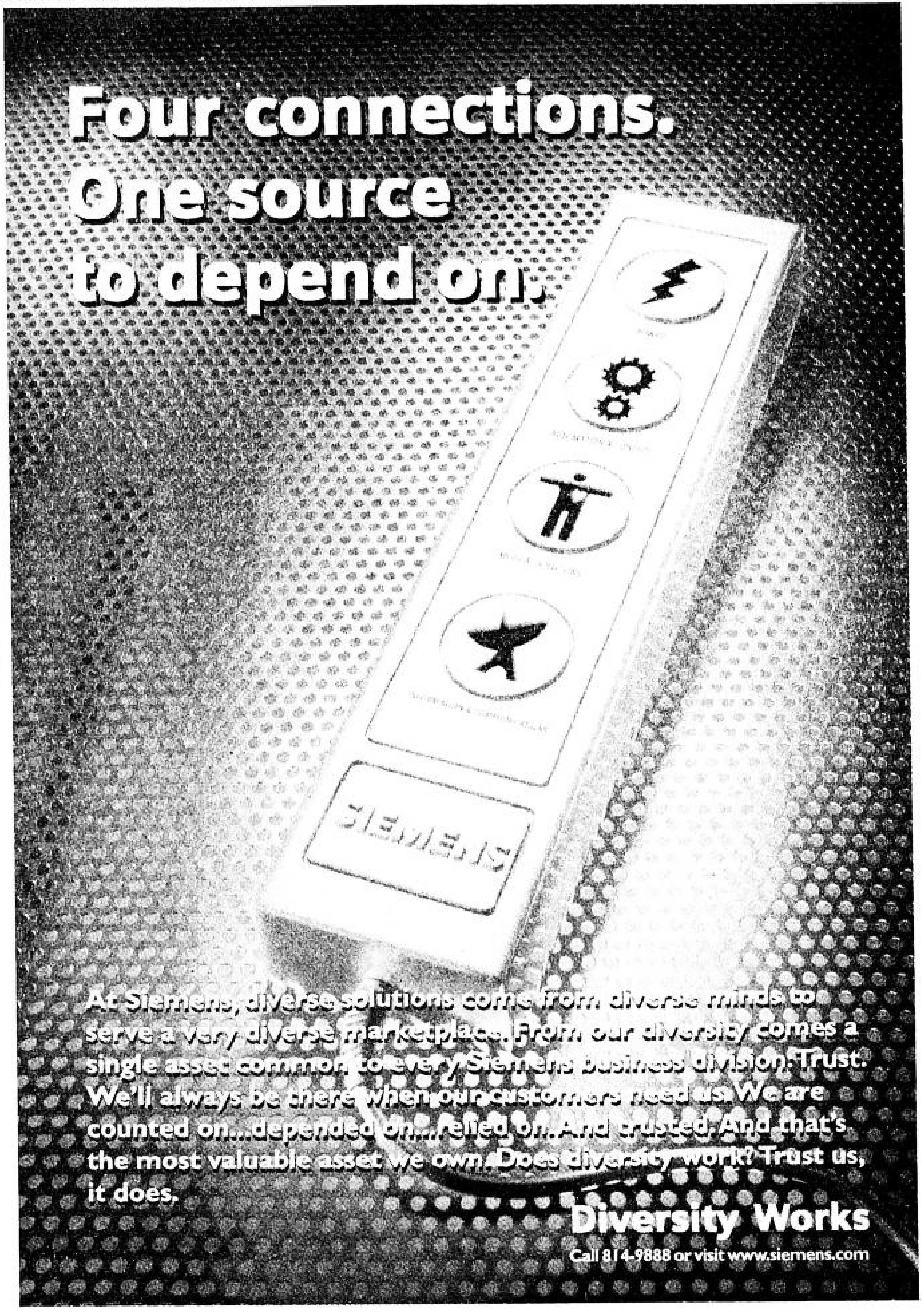

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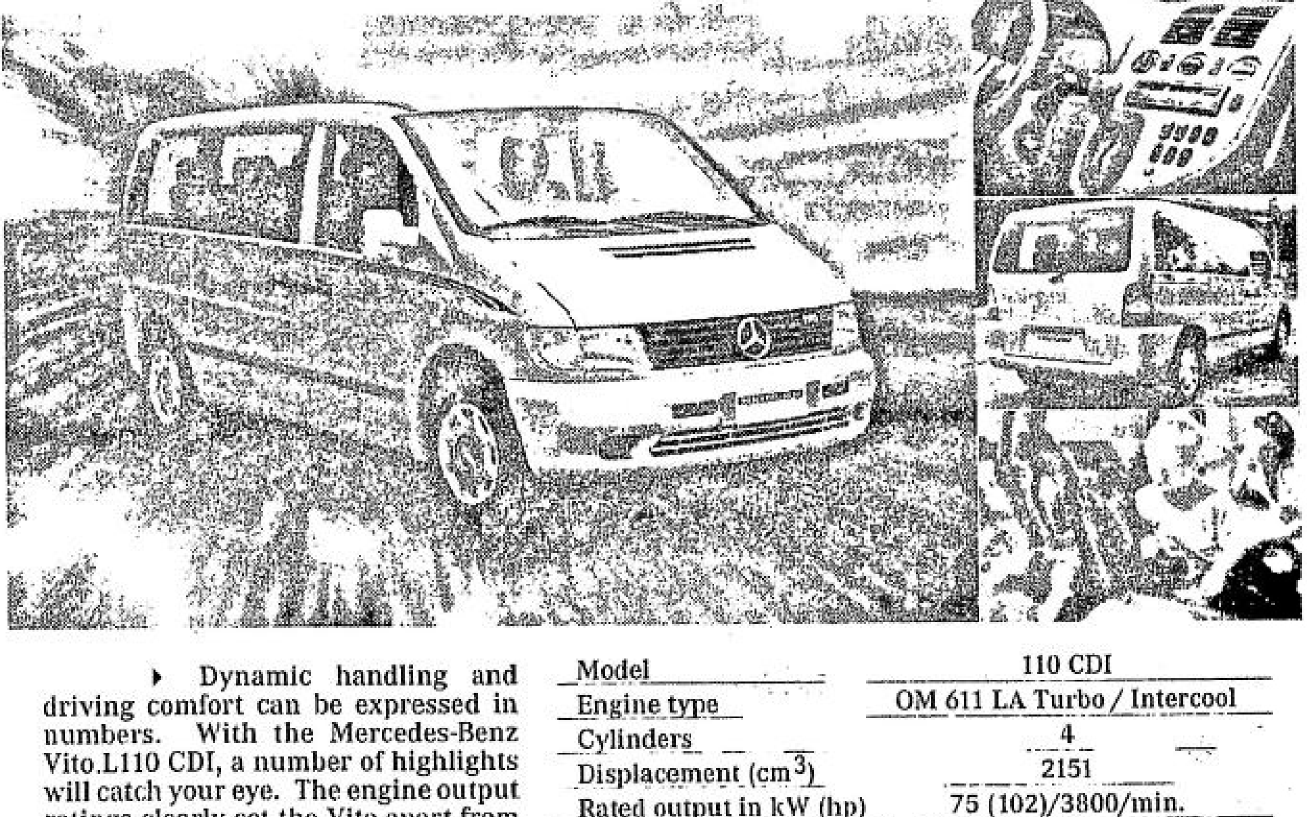

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Germany lends expertise to boost vocational training in the Philippines

By Marlet D. Salazar

STRENGTHENING the dual system of vocational training between schools and companies is one of the main reasons Tesda partnered with German agency GTZ. Vocational training in the Philippines needs all the support it can get to define its role in improving the economy, as well as maximizing the labor market.

In 1994, the Dual Training Act of the Philippines was passed into law, paving the way for the implementation of the Dual Training System (DTS). After two years, the Technical Education and Skills Development Authority (Tesda) sought the assistance of the German Technical Cooperation Agencies (GTZ) in the promotion and expansion of the system within the local industry.

"The idea of the project, Philippine-German Technical Cooperation, is to assist Tesda in implementing the dual training structures. It has a life of 12 to 15 years, and takes three to four phases upon completion," project manager Heinz-Dieter Harbers said.

How it works

It's called "dual" in the sense that the training occurs in two locations: in the firm and in vocational schools. Simply put, the practical part of the training program takes place in the company and the theoretical part in the school. However, this still has to be fully realized in the country. "So far, Jollibee Corp. has adapted the dual training program among private entrepreneurs," said Harbers. For its part, Punlaan School in Mabalacat, Pampanga, has trained students who were eventually employed by leading hotels and restaurants.

"So far we did pretty successful," said Harbers, "A survey on what happened to the graduate students of Punlaan shows a 100-percent employment after taking the exam. While the Sister of Mary Help in Mabalacat, Pampanga, a private school specializing in electronics, also produced 100-percent employment."

Already, there were 180 Filipinos who have gone to Germany for training purposes and to upgrade them in handling future equipment.

Skills Standard and Tests Development

Germany is open in providing Tesda with professionals in different technical fields to serve as consultants in speeding up the execution of DTS.

Hanno F. Knaup is an electrical engineer by profession. He has been a vocational trainer in Germany for a long time. He works at Tesda's Skills Standard and Certification Office for more than a year now. Knaup's task is basically to develop a comprehensive training standard needed in the industry. Vocational courses are not as attractive in the Philippines as it is in Germany. "My job is essentially to make the course interesting," he said, "And make my proposals and what changes are needed to be implemented."

Tesda has a long tradition in developing skills standard and training regulations based on the developed curriculum from the United States. Knaup and colleagues will try to simplify it to become more appealing, easier and bring it to international standards. "If you have a standard comparable to international ones, that means there's higher chance that what you're learning here will be recognized abroad," he said.

Among the first things Knaup has to look into are the qualifications and requirements required in the workplace. From there, Knaup and colleagues will then find a good methodology to level up to these standards. "(If) you have key skills that employers require, there's a chance for better employment," he said. The certificate attests to what a person has learned. "Know the value of the certificate what can you really do with it," Knaup adds.

"Make sure that by doing that way, the candidates go to examinations, they finish with the training course that they really know, and what they have to know in the workplace," Knaup said. At present, there's a high demand for this standard, and Tesda is trying to as quickly as possible fulfill that demand.

Occupational Skills

Hans-Peter Neuhaus has been involved in vocational training in the Philippines for four years. A mechanical engineer, he is a training consultant of Don Bosco's Agro-technology programs (ATP). ATP trains and assists farmers and participants in rural areas of any ATP's livelihood projects.

Don Bosco's ATP aims to help alleviate poverty by providing them skills, and if possible financial assistance to start-up income generating projects. With the help of Neuhaus and other experts in different regions in the Philippines, the ATP components are employed.

"Recently, we conducted a seminar of small production out of coconut in Legazpi," he said. Holding information campaign gives the farmers an option on what kind of business suit their living.

Seminars are geared on motivating not just the old farmers, but the young as well, to learn to grow new farm products either to sell or home consumption. They also need to do it using new technology.

Neuhaus said the idea of ATP is to set an example to other farmers and make them realize that these kind of programs work. "(It is possible) for them to produce something more. Their income can increase double, triple even. Others who live serve as example to others, if they are successful then the others will follow," he said.

However, their efforts are prevented by lack of financial resources. Although, there are some other countries and non-government organizations that help them maintain the program.

"We need to look for outside help from government organizations and NGOs. I'm looking very strong after this," he said.

"Sometimes a little outside help can start the ball rolling," so said the poster of Centrum for International Migration

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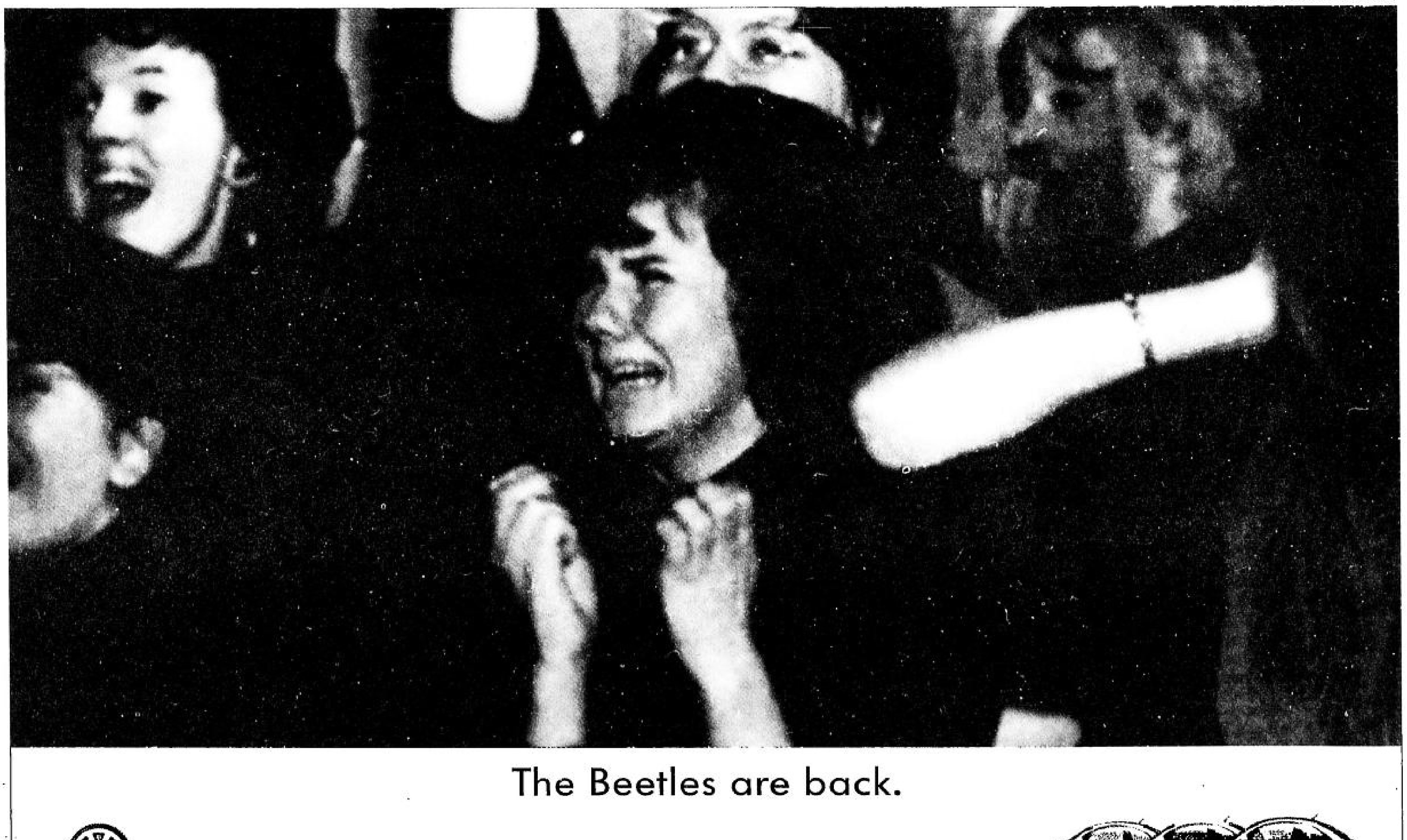

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